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## Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

### AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).						
		Census—30th June, 1947.			Estimated—31st December, 1953.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,492,211	1,492,627	2,984,838	1,747,953	1,724,341	3,472,294	1,621,040
Victoria . . .	87,884	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,214,862	1,190,434	2,405,296	1,393,000
Q'land . . .	670,500	567,471	538,944	1,106,415	645,689	624,692	1,270,381	469,000
S. Aust. . .	380,070	320,031	326,042	646,073	380,278	385,242	765,520	459,000
W. Aust. . .	975,920	258,076	244,404	502,480	326,935	306,596	633,531	346,000
Tasmania . . .	26,215	129,244	127,834	257,078	168,471	154,341	322,812	(a) 91,180
N. Terr. . .	523,620	7,378	3,490	10,868	10,048	6,898	16,946	7,836
A.C.T. . .	939	9,092	7,813	16,905	18,353	12,630	30,983	26,732
Australia	2,974,581	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,512,589	4,405,174	8,917,763	.. .

(a) As at 30th June, 1952.

### ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1950	3,225,242	2,202,870	1,183,792	700,257	557,918	279,386	15,304	(a) 20,772	8,185,541
1951	3,317,182	2,269,291	1,211,239	720,040	581,486	290,888	16,422	24,892	8,431,390
1952	3,388,437	2,335,475	1,238,425	739,563	601,266	302,111	16,478	26,784	8,648,539
1953	3,442,482	2,384,311	1,265,571	757,189	622,203	311,060	17,066	29,633	8,829,465

### AT 31ST DECEMBER.

1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1950	3,278,026	2,231,256	1,191,245	712,010	573,671	294,397	15,182	(a) 20,054	8,815,791
1951	3,358,760	2,291,354	1,219,605	729,836	591,602	307,014	15,527	25,036	8,538,734
1952	3,421,768	2,356,823	1,247,890	751,535	614,483	315,955	15,884	28,481	8,752,819
1953	3,472,294	2,405,296	1,270,381	765,520	633,531	322,812	16,946	30,983	8,917,763

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates for 1950 based on Census of Canberra, 14th–16th September, 1951, are as follows:—June, 23,867 and December, 23,629.

### ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aust.	Western Aust.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									

1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1950	3,171,940	2,170,289	1,163,084	686,825	545,786	277,395	14,247	(a) 20,025	8,049,591
1951	3,274,107	2,236,708	1,192,906	711,007	571,349	287,590	15,540	(a) 22,096	8,311,303
1952	3,355,988	2,301,542	1,221,104	729,364	591,158	298,567	16,045	25,699	8,539,467
1953	3,420,171	2,362,440	1,248,823	749,500	612,735	308,926	16,353	28,428	8,747,376

### YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.

1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1950	3,224,892	2,203,786	1,178,851	700,184	558,709	282,269	14,921	(a) 20,506	8,184,118
1951	3,318,800	2,269,025	1,207,235	720,144	581,459	292,939	15,992	(a) 24,395	8,429,989
1952	3,390,474	2,334,590	1,234,828	739,549	602,026	304,172	16,101	26,995	8,648,735
1953	3,445,165	2,385,011	1,261,435	757,765	622,697	313,196	16,747	29,712	8,831,728

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th–16th September, 1951, are as follows:—Year ended 30th June, 1950, 22,607; 1951, 24,063; year ended 31st December, 1950, 23,588; 1951, 24,693.

## INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).					
New South Wales	39,448	40,627	40,137	42,158	43,183
Victoria	24,882	27,489	27,107	30,416	30,911
Queensland	17,587	18,629	18,547	19,782	19,776
South Australia	9,669	10,566	10,279	10,834	11,194
Western Australia	8,721	9,170	9,506	10,204	10,790
Tasmania	4,721	4,776	4,790	5,337	5,185
Northern Territory	254	315	290	359	344
Australian Capital Territory	719	832	854	963	664
Total	106,001	112,404	111,510	120,053	122,047
NET MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).					
New South Wales	74,143	61,464	40,597	20,850	7,343
Victoria	33,134	39,436	32,991	35,053	17,562
Queensland	10,148	12,316	9,813	8,503	2,715
South Australia	12,277	13,571	7,547	10,865	2,791
Western Australia	13,764	19,686	8,425	12,677	8,258
Tasmania	4,382	5,376	7,827	3,604	1,672
Northern Territory	1,102	967	105	—	718
Australian Capital Territory	(a) 1,051	(a) -311	(a) 4,128	2,482	1,838
Total	150,001	152,505	111,433	94,032	42,897
TOTAL INCREASE.					
New South Wales	113,591	102,001	80,734	63,008	50,526
Victoria	58,016	66,925	60,098	65,469	48,473
Queensland	27,735	30,945	28,360	28,285	22,491
South Australia	21,946	24,137	17,826	21,699	13,985
Western Australia	22,485	28,856	17,931	22,881	19,048
Tasmania	9,103	10,152	12,617	8,941	6,857
Northern Territory	1,356	1,282	395	357	1,062
Australian Capital Territory	1,770	521	4,982	3,445	2,502
Total	256,002	264,909	222,943	214,085	164,944

(a) From 1st July, 1947, to 31st December, 1950, no allowance was made for a large unrecorded net inward movement by road into the Australian Capital Territory. From 1st January, 1951, allowance has been made for this movement and the net migration for year ended 31st December, 1951, includes an adjustment retrospective to 1st July, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

## POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Mi- gration. (b)	Total Increase. (c)	Popula- tion at end of Period.
<b>Year—</b>							
1938	62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	64,417	6,935,909
1942	86,060	136,708	75,191	61,517	6,166	57,498	7,201,096
1943	67,673	149,295	74,486	74,809	1,271	68,562	7,269,658
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	77,366	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	83,173	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	120,647	7,638,628
1948	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	156,252	7,794,880
1949	72,999	181,261	75,266	106,001	150,001	256,002	8,050,882
1950	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	264,909	8,315,791
1951	77,298	193,208	81,788	111,510	111,433	222,943	8,588,784
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	214,085	8,752,819
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	164,944	8,917,763
<b>Quarter ended—</b>							
31st December, 1952	20,004	51,102	19,542	31,560	20,819	52,379	8,752,819
31st March, 1953	17,393	51,469	17,142	34,327	8,632	42,959	8,795,778
30th June, 1953	18,406	49,489	19,532	29,957	3,730	33,687	8,829,465
30th September, 1953	15,210	50,517	23,289	27,228	10,335	37,563	8,867,028
31st December, 1953	19,631	50,760	20,225	30,535	20,200	50,735	8,917,763

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1942, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1942, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population disclosed by the Census of 30th June, 1947.

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1953.

New South Wales	7,524	9,424	9,086	18,510	4,414	3,508	7,922
Victoria ..	5,755	6,992	6,645	13,637	3,067	2,693	5,760
Queensland ..	2,699	3,858	3,665	7,523	1,636	1,152	2,788
South Australia ..	1,593	2,483	2,301	4,784	982	883	1,865
Western Australia	1,318	2,057	1,958	4,015	737	514	1,251
Tasmania ..	651	993	980	1,973	317	264	581
Northern Territory	50	73	48	121	21	5	26
Australian Capital Territory ..	41	104	93	197	16	16	32
Australia ..	19,631	25,984	24,776	50,760	11,190	9,035	20,225

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1953.

New South Wales	27,573	38,315	36,575	74,890	17,871	13,836	31,707
Victoria ..	19,238	27,368	26,193	53,561	12,168	10,482	22,650
Queensland ..	9,859	15,842	14,940	30,782	6,414	4,592	11,006
South Australia ..	6,149	9,347	8,809	18,156	3,771	3,191	6,962
Western Australia	5,032	8,056	7,806	15,862	3,008	2,064	5,072
Tasmania ..	2,424	3,893	3,843	7,736	1,414	1,137	2,551
Northern Territory	154	261	199	460	96	20	116
Australian Capital Territory ..	211	417	371	788	80	44	124
Australia ..	70,640	103,499	98,736	202,235	44,822	35,366	80,188

State or Territory.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.

## MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	30,036	30,341	29,351	27,573
Victoria ..	17,113	20,320	21,117	20,220	19,238
Queensland ..	8,853	10,304	10,814	10,056	9,859
South Australia ..	5,489	6,585	6,646	6,241	6,149
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,434	5,390	5,389	5,032
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,560	2,607	2,553	2,424
Northern Territory ..	67	144	143	137	154
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	216	240	225	211
Australia ..	62,411	75,599	77,298	74,172	70,640

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1949, 6,622; 1950, 7,414; 1951, 7,320; 1952, New South Wales, 3,362; Victoria, 1,613; Queensland, 711; South Australia, 584; Western Australia, 585; Tasmania, 217; Northern Territory, 6; Australian Capital Territory, 17; Australia, 7,095.

## Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
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## MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	9.03	9.31	9.14	8.66	8.00
Victoria	9.17	9.22	9.31	8.66	8.07
Queensland	8.84	8.74	8.96	8.14	7.82
South Australia	9.25	9.40	9.23	8.44	8.11
Western Australia	8.95	9.73	9.27	8.95	8.08
Tasmania	8.81	9.07	8.90	8.39	7.74
Northern Territory	11.54	9.65	8.94	8.51	9.20
Australian Capital Territory	6.50	10.53	9.84	8.33	7.10
Australia..	9.04	9.24	9.17	8.58	8.00

## BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales	47,319	71,592	72,069	74,196	74,890
Victoria	30,344	49,830	50,553	53,738	53,561
Queensland	18,992	29,028	29,652	30,953	30,782
South Australia	9,410	17,306	17,463	17,884	18,156
Western Australia	9,141	14,228	14,794	15,413	15,862
Tasmania	4,907	7,242	7,357	7,916	7,736
Northern Territory	102	411	407	448	460
Australian Capital Territory	200	954	1,003	1,102	788
Australia..	120,415	190,591	193,298	201,650	202,235

## BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	17.38	22.20	21.72	21.88	21.74
Victoria	16.27	22.61	22.28	23.02	22.46
Queensland	18.95	24.62	24.56	25.07	24.40
South Australia	15.86	24.72	24.25	24.18	23.98
Western Australia	19.71	25.47	25.44	25.60	25.47
Tasmania	20.76	25.66	25.11	26.02	24.70
Northern Territory	17.57	27.55	25.45	27.82	27.47
Australian Capital Territory	(a) 17.34	(a) 46.52	(a) 41.11	(a) 40.82	(a) 26.52
Australia..	17.45	23.29	22.93	23.32	22.90

## DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales	26,105	30,965	31,932	32,038	31,707
Victoria	18,955	22,341	23,446	23,322	22,650
Queensland	9,201	10,399	11,105	11,171	11,006
South Australia	5,539	6,740	7,184	7,050	6,962
Western Australia	4,234	5,058	5,288	5,209	5,072
Tasmania	2,288	2,466	2,567	2,579	2,551
Northern Territory	69	96	117	89	116
Australian Capital Territory	60	122	149	139	124
Australia..	66,451	78,187	81,788	81,597	80,188

(a) As in the States and the Northern Territory, the rates shown are based on birth registrations. Rates based on the number of births to mothers resident in the Australian Capital Territory are as follows:—1938, 15.43; 1950, 29.63; 1951, 28.82; 1952, 30.60 and 1953, 26.66. Prior to the provision late in 1952 of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, the births registered in Canberra for the years shown above included many to mothers from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas.

## Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
New South Wales ..	9.50	9.60	9.62	9.45	9.20
Victoria ..	10.16	10.14	10.33	9.99	9.50
Queensland ..	9.18	8.82	9.20	9.05	8.72
South Australia ..	9.34	9.63	9.98	9.53	9.19
Western Australia ..	9.13	9.05	9.09	8.65	8.15
Tasmania ..	9.68	8.74	8.76	8.48	8.15
Northern Territory ..	11.89	6.43	7.32	5.53	6.93
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	5.95	6.11	5.15	4.17
Australia ..	9.63	9.55	9.70	9.43	9.08

## DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,980	1,936	1,895	1,818	1,845
Victoria ..	1,038	1,001	1,143	1,198	1,133
Queensland ..	784	719	761	772	769
South Australia ..	287	416	428	413	375
Western Australia ..	309	386	425	384	378
Tasmania ..	195	172	196	172	177
Northern Territory ..	6	15	18	14	18
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	20	12	26	17
Australia ..	4,607	4,665	4,878	4,797	4,712

## INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	41.84	27.04	26.29	24.50	24.64
Victoria ..	34.21	20.09	22.61	22.29	21.15
Queensland ..	41.28	24.77	25.66	24.94	24.98
South Australia ..	30.50	24.04	24.51	23.09	20.65
Western Australia ..	33.80	27.13	28.73	24.91	23.83
Tasmania ..	39.74	23.75	26.64	21.73	22.88
Northern Territory ..	58.82	36.50	44.23	31.25	39.13
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	20.96	11.96	23.59	21.57
Australia ..	38.26	24.47	25.24	23.79	23.30

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1948 ..	66,321	49,402	115,723	33,797	26,811	60,608	55,115
1949 ..	132,648	100,487	233,135	42,705	40,429	83,134	150,001
1950 ..	141,891	108,513	250,404	49,907	47,992	97,899	152,505
1951 ..	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952 ..	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953 ..	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.  
NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

## Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—	
		1952.	1953.		1952.	1953.
British(b) ..	9,543	64,107	34,862	6,145	26,656	27,078
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	207	817	1,036	131	608	554
Austrian ..	68	509	313	15	38	54
Belgian ..	4	107	53	3	38	14
Chinese ..	67	671	454	44	51	124
Czechoslovak ..	9	458	62	22	70	60
Danish ..	15	105	79	15	37	58
Dutch ..	2,674	15,418	9,374	187	468	727
Estonian ..	3	92	25	3	12	16
French ..	92	917	273	62	225	247
German ..	2,821	6,985	7,924	112	144	393
Greek ..	1,175	2,344	2,952	25	201	147
Hungarian ..	25	493	70	17	33	48
Israeli ..	85	186	239	7	11	11
Italian ..	3,869	28,000	13,804	301	1,024	1,665
Japanese ..	74	13	312		2	2
Latvian ..	17	184	58	12	27	37
Lithuanian ..	5	63	17	18	41	42
Norwegian ..	8	281	52	7	33	71
Polish(c) ..	32	959	236	26	57	104
Russian(d) ..	122	639	472	15	62	68
Swedish ..	12	77	56	9	33	34
Swiss ..	54	321	180	21	104	95
Syrian-Lebanese ..	41	222	94	7	68	40
Ukrainian ..	4	54	47	10	14	17
Yugoslav ..	178	1,145	564	16	50	65
Stateless ..	112	1,684	805	33	113	125
Other ..	105	973	502	28	150	136
Total ..	21,421	127,824	74,915	7,291	30,370	32,032

(a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purposes of this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly "Polish." (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly "Russian".

## Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—	
		1952.	1953.		1952.	1953.
European ..	21,126	125,758	72,801	7,179	29,967	31,549
Asian ..	290	1,979	2,057	108	385	464
African ..	..	32	13	2	3	4
Polynesian ..	5	55	44	2	15	15
Total ..	21,421	127,824	74,915	7,291	30,370	32,032

(a) See note (a) above.

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—	
		1952.	1953.		1952.	1953.
<b>British—</b>						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	6,730	51,757	25,767	3,269	14,303	14,282
Canada ..	104	332	386	125	719	773
Cyprus ..	75	1,320	165	16	144	88
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	158	1,217	821	130	505	462
Malta ..	631	2,530	1,419	98	723	386
New Guinea ..	155	452	524	496	1,681	1,845
New Zealand ..	509	2,206	1,817	926	3,943	4,526
Papua ..	76	352	276	294	862	938
Union of South Africa ..	80	337	292	122	267	279
Other ..	483	2,713	2,305	454	1,694	1,716
<b>Total, British Countries</b>	<b>9,001</b>	<b>63,216</b>	<b>33,772</b>	<b>5,930</b>	<b>24,841</b>	<b>25,295</b>
<b>Foreign—</b>						
Austria ..	53	807	384	9	23	41
France ..	117	1,248	316	85	253	350
Germany ..	2,918	8,019	8,254	101	134	325
Greece ..	1,131	1,837	2,676	17	224	139
Italy ..	4,147	28,976	14,677	351	1,642	2,485
Netherlands ..	2,637	14,839	9,227	150	376	596
Poland ..	5	404	43	..	1	2
Yugoslavia ..	165	663	476	6	21	34
Other European(b) ..	175	2,020	744	72	387	367
China ..	147	710	562	26	11	36
Indonesia ..	53	755	250	38	174	153
Egypt ..	190	1,463	727	29	77	85
United States of America ..	302	1,181	1,421	292	1,538	1,384
Polynesian Islands ..	43	154	133	48	213	219
Other ..	337	1,532	1,253	137	455	521
<b>Total, Foreign Countries</b>	<b>12,420</b>	<b>64,608</b>	<b>41,143</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>5,529</b>	<b>6,737</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>21,421</b>	<b>127,824</b>	<b>74,915</b>	<b>7,291</b>	<b>30,370</b>

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence. (b) Includes unspecified European countries.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures (a)	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
	Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended Dec., 1953.	Year ended December—	
		1952.	1953.		1952.	1953.
Australia.. . .	13,464	40,317	42,695	8,098	40,619	39,946
Other British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	2,799	9,525	8,909	1,872	8,243	7,717
Canada .. .	79	354	397	80	506	503
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	429	1,470	1,413	276	1,186	1,016
New Guinea .. .	828	2,320	2,645	629	1,843	2,308
New Zealand .. .	4,485	18,340	16,525	5,315	23,802	20,533
Papua .. .	603	1,761	2,123	372	1,222	1,551
Union of South Africa .. .	154	430	568	167	387	547
Other .. .	1,113	4,657	4,629	1,449	4,637	5,083
Total, Other British Countries .. .	10,490	38,857	37,209	10,160	41,826	39,258
Foreign—						
France.. . .	96	285	291	90	376	403
Germany .. .	68	274	190	52	199	181
Greece .. .	5	81	28	13	80	46
Italy .. .	53	213	203	51	356	393
Netherlands .. .	139	619	359	120	387	409
Yugoslavia .. .	11	44	23	1	14	12
Other European .. .	169	681	719	130	647	542
China .. .	39	167	129	17	39	51
Indonesia .. .	171	617	443	119	460	439
Egypt .. .	20	54	77	23	64	71
United States of America.. .	790	2,734	2,876	751	3,158	3,295
Polynesian Islands .. .	385	1,138	1,102	324	1,079	1,134
Other .. .	556	1,934	1,866	437	2,133	2,016
Total, Foreign Countries	2,502	8,841	8,306	2,128	8,992	8,992
GRAND TOTAL ..	26,456	88,015	88,210	20,386	91,437	88,196

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

## Section II.—Production.

## PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

## WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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AREA.  
('000 Acres.)

1938-39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1948-49..	4,038	2,996	608	2,063	2,867	7	4	12,583
1949-50..	4,012	2,823	600	1,896	2,894	6	4	12,240
1950-51..	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
1951-52..	2,758	2,464	454	1,613	3,095	4	1	10,384
1952-53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209

PRODUCTION.  
('000 Bushels.)

1938-39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1948-49..	64,704	49,064	14,317	26,136	36,250	156	76	190,703
1949-50..	81,930	57,434	11,778	28,351	38,500	127	92	218,221
1950-51..	43,273	51,238	8,785	30,936	49,900	95	19	184,244
1951-52..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952-53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.  
(Bushels.)

1938-39..	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1948-49..	16.02	16.38	23.56	12.67	12.64	22.69	18.23	15.15
1949-50..	20.42	20.31	19.63	14.95	13.30	23.26	20.55	17.83
1950-51..	13.00	18.73	15.72	16.74	15.67	17.84	10.10	15.80
1951-52..	14.42	18.67	14.59	16.92	12.93	26.10	13.97	15.38
1952-53..	20.97	22.55	25.76	21.97	11.82	23.39	12.75	19.12

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.  
('000 Acres.)

Season	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
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1948-49 ..	4,243	3,033	661	2,159	2,962	10	5	13,073
1949-50 ..	4,174	2,867	669	2,006	2,984	9	5	12,714
1950-51 ..	3,442	2,771	616	1,950	3,255	9	2	12,045
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571

## OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

AREA.  
('000 Acres.)

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane cut for crushing.	Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.				
1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	23,498
1948-49 ..	1,770	1,012	182	120	1,580	266	20,636
1949-50 ..	1,748	1,040	194	134	1,605	281	20,601
1950-51 ..	1,757	1,079	169	127	1,377	272	19,917
1951-52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	19,802
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	20,371

## Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

## OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS—continued.

## TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar (94 N.T.)
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1938-39 ..	Bush. 15,555	Bush. 10,831	Bush. 7,057	Tons. 274	Tons. 3,321	Tons. 5,679	Tons. 820
1948-49 ..	23,601	17,785	5,188	460	2,292	6,708	943
1949-50 ..	27,391	19,543	5,996	471	2,430	6,849	937
1950-51 ..	25,128	22,871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921
1951-52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949

## NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE-STOCK.

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March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
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## HORSES.

1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1949 ..	358	213	325	94	69	22	33	1	1,115
1950 ..	343	200	317	83	59	21	33	1	1,057
1951 ..	329	187	307	71	55	20	29	1	999
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895

## CATTLE.

1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1949 ..	3,253	2,225	5,992	461	864	266	1,053	10	14,124
1950 ..	3,440	2,231	6,305	464	865	273	1,049	11	14,640
1951 ..	3,703	2,216	6,734	433	841	272	1,019	11	15,229
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,434	437	852	266	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247

## SHEEP.

1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,037	a 9,177	a 3,626	30	245	111,058
1949 ..	50,404	19,170	16,499	9,366	10,872	2,160	26	238	108,735
1950 ..	53,298	19,161	17,582	9,477	10,923	2,170	26	254	112,891
1951 ..	54,111	20,012	17,478	10,166	11,362	2,181	29	257	115,596
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072

## PIGS.

1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1949 ..	875	224	407	71	80	37	1	1	1,196
1950 ..	333	213	391	69	79	36	1	1	1,123
1951 ..	317	237	375	68	90	45	1	1	1,134
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993

(a) December, previous year.

## WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

("000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1948-49 ..	463,208	204,080	156,855	114,905	99,429	18,846	305	1,977	1,057,405
1949-50 ..	515,043	225,243	162,256	121,248	98,889	16,958	230	2,123	1,141,990
1950-51 ..	492,130	218,266	154,667	125,384	107,341	17,250	235	2,266	1,117,539
1951-52 ..	437,837	224,958	188,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,070,977
1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086

NOTE.—Total wool production in the 1953-54 season is at present estimated at 1,260,000,000 lb. (as in the grease).

(a) Estimated.

(b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

## PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
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WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES.  
('000 gal.)

1938-39	..	\$11,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,140	350	1,189,174
1948-49	..	291,915	462,446	277,152	91,319	50,612	38,541	659	1,212,644
1949-50	..	311,580	409,253	281,125	89,388	49,476	40,243	694	1,241,759
1950-51	..	298,159	445,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	41,136	687	1,199,716
1951-52	..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	46,100	593	1,051,287
1952-53(b)	..	315,274	443,296	286,723	86,619	51,531	43,680	720	1,227,843
Six months ended(b)—									
December, 1952	159,719	276,560	134,271	56,190	35,554	26,615	360	689,269	
December, 1953	136,893 <sup>a</sup>	236,013	111,310	51,563	34,804	28,754	433	649,770	

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).  
(Tons.)

1938-39	..	58,045	58,291	70,389	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1948-49	..	35,175	61,137	47,781	9,290	7,232	5,209	6	165,830
1949-50	..	38,842	64,671	48,785	8,762	7,008	5,525	6	173,599
1950-51	..	36,130	59,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	163,934
1951-52	..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952-53(b)	..	38,874	58,367	49,355	7,988	6,583	6,409	5	167,581
Six months ended(b)(c)—									
December, 1952	18,451	36,808	22,300	5,132	5,044	3,850	..	91,585	
December, 1953	13,988	39,073	17,806	4,795	4,767	4,013	..	84,442	

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).  
(Tons.)

1938-39	..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1948-49	..	2,492	18,376	9,394	11,654	876	410	..	48,202
1949-50	..	2,827	21,202	9,052	10,587	707	421	..	44,796
1950-51	..	2,960	22,578	8,678	8,982	751	411	..	44,310
1951-52	..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952-53(b)	..	3,163	22,529	9,450	10,454	933	257	..	46,786
Six months ended(b)(c)—									
December, 1952	1,747	15,387	5,164	8,128	679	147	..	31,252	
December, 1953	1,961	17,510	3,423	8,133	944	148	..	32,119	

## CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated and Whole Milk.(d)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(e)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
1938-39..	Tons. 15,519	Tons. (f) 1,659	Tons. 10,712	Tons. (g) 1,259	'000 gals. 33,367	Tons. (h)	Tons. (i) 556
1948-49..	47,773	13,177	19,768	10,104	87,653	6,116	3,019
1949-50..	49,767	17,270	22,539	10,531	89,565	9,393	2,989
1950-51..	50,507	18,351	17,594	12,100	84,828	6,583	3,192
1951-52..	52,467	18,743	15,121	12,066	76,824	10,887	2,938
1952-53(b)	55,489	13,048	21,780	9,987	85,916	15,151	3,986
Six months ended(b)—							
December, 1952 ..	38,482	7,861	13,628	4,922	55,415	8,843	2,299
December, 1953 ..	28,465	10,404	11,107	6,686	45,718	12,028	2,663

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Excludes farm production.  
(d) Principally for use in Ice-cream manufacture. (e) Includes Malted Milk and Milk Sugar.  
(f) Incomplete. (g) Malted Milk and Milk Sugar only. (h) Included with Powdered Milk  
Full Cream. (i) Excludes Whey.

## PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938-39	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1948-49	180,339	118,016	202,518	29,580	32,763	9,793	3,282	1,085	577,326
1949-50	185,588	124,609	211,496	32,615	35,357	12,271	3,274	1,312	606,522
1950-51	192,760	136,604	232,398	36,372	33,969	14,103	3,591	1,716	651,513
1951-52	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,808	581,888
1952-53	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,404	674,849
Six months ended—									
December, 1952	103,274	59,694	121,342	14,481	14,856	6,842	1,650	780	322,919
December, 1953(a)	110,299	64,205	136,955	17,922	18,250	5,736	1,701	732	355,800

## MUTTON.

1938-39	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1948-49	59,870	61,763	16,692	21,314	16,625	4,319	83	604	181,270
1949-50	64,018	81,270	16,024	23,388	15,553	4,819	57	710	205,839
1950-51	52,464	50,945	12,467	21,022	14,374	4,813	27	621	161,833
1951-52	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,830
1952-53	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
Six months ended—									
December, 1952	34,872	44,980	9,219	14,402	12,678	2,666	41	360	118,718
December, 1953(a)	35,196	39,579	9,046	16,126	9,976	2,991	39	420	113,373

## LAMB.

1938-39	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1948-49	54,468	52,975	1,748	18,138	8,247	3,255	..	282	129,113
1949-50	55,797	66,984	1,649	16,525	6,893	4,107	..	339	152,294
1950-51	39,999	47,007	1,100	12,990	7,176	3,848	..	300	112,420
1951-52	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
Six months ended—									
December, 1952	29,109	40,566	835	13,061	6,478	2,184	..	174	92,407
December, 1953(a)	24,656	28,576	957	11,581	5,898	2,204	..	198	74,070

## PORK.

1938-39	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1948-49	9,831	8,623	12,254	2,358	2,649	1,442	27	56	37,240
1949-50	10,260	6,645	12,911	2,009	1,793	1,208	42	90	34,958
1950-51	9,307	7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116	1,499	64	150	35,257
1951-52	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53(a)	10,546	7,371	6,612	2,832	2,347	1,920	60	132	31,820
Six months ended—									
December, 1952(a)	4,987	3,837	3,052	1,558	1,368	948	31	72	15,853
December, 1953(a)	7,238	3,956	3,549	1,257	1,034	783	37	66	17,920

## BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1948-49	13,302	10,204	9,412	3,788	3,756	1,122	..	..	41,584
1949-50	12,955	9,779	10,018	3,318	3,542	991	..	..	40,603
1950-51	12,629	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	..	36,844
1951-52(b)	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,683	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(a)(b)	13,172	8,131	9,699	3,079	3,757	886	..	..	38,724
Six months ended—									
December, 1952ab	7,610	4,503	4,750	1,609	1,978	440	..	..	20,890
December, 1953ab	6,297	3,662	5,463	1,600	1,804	514	..	..	19,340

## TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1948-49	822,599	255,254	246,012	76,542	65,392	20,335	3,392	1,977	991,503
1949-50	333,282	292,807	255,705	79,049	64,413	23,753	3,373	2,451	1,054,833
1950-51	311,704	258,002	269,634	77,296	62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
1951-52	305,748	287,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53(a)	371,511	295,102	292,669	89,602	71,773	27,624	3,817	2,826	1,154,424
Six months ended—									
December, 1952(a)	182,092	155,201	140,908	45,690	38,070	13,239	1,722	1,386	578,308
December, 1953(a)	185,953	141,296	157,936	49,062	37,611	12,414	1,777	1,416	587,465

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes pressed and cooked bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

## VALUE OF MINERALS PRODUCED.

(£'000.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.	
METALLIC MINERALS.(a)									
1939..	..	5,169	1,589	3,371	3,003	11,884	1,902	228	27,146
1948..	..	20,932	780	6,844	2,374	7,523	4,158	216	42,827
1949..	..	19,469	866	8,972	1,506	8,144	4,404	547	43,908
1950(b)	..	24,591	1,079	12,788	2,728	9,893	4,859	628	56,566
1951(b)	..	35,350	1,064	15,718	2,775	11,181	8,163	916	75,162
1952(b)(c)	..	28,317	1,093	17,207	3,100	13,130	9,813	1,160	73,820
FUEL MINERALS.(d)									
1939..	..	7,041	646	1,168	..	363	74	..	9,292
1948..	..	15,143	1,531	2,347	120	880	178	..	20,199
1949..	..	16,303	1,850	2,874	173	972	182	..	22,354
1950(b)	..	22,306	2,091	2,562	131	1,185	232	..	20,507
1951(b)	..	29,507	3,359	4,490	400	1,717	305	..	39,778
1952(b)(c)	..	43,334	4,230	5,905	430	2,457	342	..	56,698
NON-METALLIC MINERALS.(e)									
1939..	..	178	13	19	317	42	81	16	666
1948..	..	276	36	20	767	158	31	78	1,366
1949..	..	249	40	12	765	347	43	52	1,508
1950(b)	..	1,195	405	105	1,053	389	257	73	3,477
1951(b)	..	1,494	503	221	1,359	469	171	71	4,288
1952(b)(c)	..	1,701	543	232	1,444	791	183	125	5,019
TOTAL.(f)									
1939..	..	12,389	2,248	4,557	3,320	12,289	2,057	244	37,104
1948..	..	36,351	2,347	9,212	3,260	8,561	4,367	294	64,392
1949..	..	36,022	2,756	11,858	2,443	9,463	4,629	599	67,770
1950(b)	..	48,098	3,576	16,455	3,911	11,466	5,348	701	89,550
1951(b)	..	66,351	4,926	20,424	4,534	13,367	8,639	987	119,228
1952(b)(c)	..	73,352	5,866	23,344	4,974	16,378	10,338	1,285	135,537

(a) Metallic minerals include ores, concentrates, &c., of metals such as Antimony, Copper, Gold, Iron, Lead, Silver, Tin, Tungsten, Zinc, &c. (b) Because of revised methods adopted in the collection and presentation of mineral statistics, these values are not strictly comparable with those for 1949 and earlier years. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Fuel Minerals include Black and Brown Coal, Natural Gas, Crude Oil (Petroleum), and Oil Bearing Shale. (e) Non-metallic Minerals include minerals such as Asbestos, Barite, Clays, Dolomite, Gems, Gypsum, Limestone, Mica, Salt, Silica, &c. (f) Excludes Construction Materials.

## PRINCIPAL CONTENTS OF METALLIC MINERALS PRODUCED.

State, &c.	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Sulphur.	Tin.	Tungsten.	Zinc.
	ton.	'000 f. oz.	'000 ton.	'000 ton.	'000 f. oz.	'000 ton.	ton.	ton.	'000ton.
QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.(b)									
New South Wales	1,134	8	..	64	2,350	37	48	24	57
Victoria	..	16	..	..	1	..	11	..	..
Queensland	7,599	25	..	9	660	8	(c) 69	17	5
South Australia	..	(d)	(c)	424	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia	3	209	121	2	59	(e) 8	23	(d)	..
Tasmania	1,989	4	..	3	314	9	255	423	7
Northern Territory	16	11	..	..	..	..	13	51	..
Australia	10,741	273	(c) 545	78	3,384	62	419	515	69
Sept. Qtr., 1952..	5,553	244	(c) 471	66	3,137	60	383	715	56
Nine months ended—									
30th Sept., 1953	27,088	786	(c) 1,643	203	9,167	161	1,073	1,058	177
" "	13,889	701	(c) 1,233	172	8,482	161	1,212	1,962	149
Year 1952	..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	228	11,278	213	1,611	1,282
1951	..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	10,244	180	1,559	1,106
1950	..	17,481	870	(c) 1,418	225	10,984	177	1,854	198

(a) In terms of  $WO_3$  (tungstic trioxide). (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated. (d) Less than half the unit of quantity shown. (e) Actual recoveries.

## PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.						Six Months ended December—	
		1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.(a)	1952.	1953.
Beer(b)	Mill. gal.	90	156	173	185	199	97	106
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	117.9	130.1	149.9	145.3	74.4	78.3
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,791	1,945	1,286	894	394	578
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	17,190	18,908	18,510	17,403	9,111	10,623
Bricks, Clay	Million.	721	604	689	715	670	326	403
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	18.3	21.2	23.3	24.4	12.2	13.3
Cement, Portland	'000 tons.	868	1,167	1,235	1,237	1,431	691	832
Cloth, Woven, Woollen	Mill. sq. yds.	31.7	37.3	37.5	29.2	28.8	12.6	16.8
Coal—Black	'000 tons.	12,608	14,918	16,418	19,171	18,546	10,127	10,008
Brown	"	3,208	7,637	7,300	8,096	8,074	4,041	4,212
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	78.7	69.1	61.3	58.4	26.4	30.7
Other	"	58.1	70.7	73.4	78.4	75.4	39.9	40.3
Copper, Refined(c)	'000 tons.	17.5	11.6	11.2	17.8	17.9	9.7	6.4
Electricity	Mill. kWh.	4,688	9,509	10,503	11,297	12,289	6,067	6,968
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	397.3	523.6	610.4	522.2	233.5	397.0
Enamels and Synthetic Finishes	'000 gal.	575	2,236	1,889	2,093	2,127	946	1,386
Engines, Internal Combustion	Number	2,957	2,470	2,296	2,112	1,260	703	775
Marine(d)	"	2,889	27,903	31,322	30,431	21,121	9,203	12,622
Other(e)	"	7,605	13,258	15,184	16,470	14,586	7,474	8,611
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.							
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,373	1,509	1,696	1,721	1,721	817	855
Fruit, Preserved(f)	Mill. lb.	150.7	211.4	233.5	256.1	218.5	17.2	21.3
Gas(g)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	34,898	37,875	40,391	41,273	21,401	22,016
Gold (Mine)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	859	891	909	1,039	524	561
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,192	1,536	1,462	1,575	784	1,012
Women's and Girls'	"	2,136	1,709	1,857	1,867	2,324	1,125	1,380
Children's	"	611	657	563	462	414	189	292
Ice Cream	"'000 gal.	4,262	15,786	17,385	17,306	13,630	6,714	7,255
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons.	1,105	1,098	1,313	1,430	1,679	799	938
Ingots Steel	"	1,170	1,218	1,444	1,521	1,823	873	1,084
Jam	"'000 gal.	37.9	60.8	55.9	48.4	34.2	11.9	10.6
Lacquers	"'000 gal.	576	945	1,158	1,191	1,001	442	640
Lead (h)	'000 tons.	233	189	188	183	194	108	122
Malt, Barley	'000 bush.	3,621	5,438	5,550	6,073	6,400	3,158	3,535
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	14,044	8,542	15,052	15,913	8,504	11,254
Other	"	31,221	54,261	49,653	56,168	49,206	26,316	25,829
Meat, Canned	'000 tons.	14.4	55.3	57.6	64.2	94.4	63.9	33.0
Newsprint	"		30.5	31.0	32.6	33.7	15.5	26.3
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	3,960	5,590	5,513	4,260	1,942	2,552
Refrigerators, Domestic	'000 tons.	29.5	182.3	203.9	192.8	181.7	94.0	148.6
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,370	6,562	6,681	6,395	3,619	3,829
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	8,582	8,641	7,578	6,898	3,062	4,314
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,167	1,366	1,307	1,169	607	604
Stoves, Cooking(i)—Electric (j)	Thousand	(k)	34.4	44.8	50.9	22.6	10.6	16.3
Gas	"	46.7	46.7	55.4	51.0	34.4	16.3	22.9
Solid Fuel	"	54.5	61.9	75.0	71.7	46.6	25.4	25.8
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons.	339	423	451	493	422	229	225
Sulphate of Ammonia	"	24.3	48.7	57.9	63.8	71.2	37.2	37.1
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	459	612	640	650	629	301	342
Superphosphate	"	1,199	1,483	1,548	1,597	1,581	751	815
Tiles, Roofing—Terra Cotta	Million.	39.7	45.4	47.0	48.9	57.5	28.6	32.5
Cement	"	4.5	40.6	50.8	66.5	45.7	23.1	23.3
Timber, Sawn Native (l)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,223	1,261	1,392	1,308	715	724
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	23.3	30.7	31.8	33.5	36.2	17.8	20.3
Vegetables, Preserved (m)	"	10.3	73.5	79.5	100.4	67.9	28.9	22.5
Wool, Scoured	"	105	173	152	121	125	56	69
Wool Tops	"	25.2	31.5	29.8	24.8	27.1	11.7	17.2
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	"	32.5	49.0	46.5	36.5	35.2	15.5	22.3
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons.	69.8	83.8	77.7	84.1	86.2	43.5	47.5

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (d) Other than Diesel type. (e) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (f) Includes all types of preserved apples. (g) Made in gas-works only. (h) Includes lead in lead bullion, produced for export. (i) Domestic. (j) Excludes stovettes, cookers, &c. (k) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (l) Includes sawn sleepers. (m) Includes preserved tomatoes.

## ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938-39.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
Agricultural ..	41,679	225,803	164,372	218,703	208,130	246,685
Pastoral ..	63,820	193,870	240,855	337,121	704,809	400,493
Dairying ..	33,782	60,540	67,552	81,102	89,352	103,776
Poultry ..	7,302	16,744	20,196	22,228	24,614	31,554
Bee-farming ..	123	737	1,509	743	831	774
Total Rural ..	146,706	497,694	494,484	659,897	1,027,736	783,282
Trapping ..	1,422	7,303	7,786	5,716	6,629	6,713
Forestry ..	7,811	17,768	20,305	23,195	28,428	37,905
Fisheries(a) ..	1,654	3,503	4,174	4,234	4,869	5,729
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	42,581	48,353	52,327	71,150	97,199
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	71,155	80,618	85,472	111,076	147,546
Total All Primary	184,968	568,849	575,102	745,369	1,138,812	930,828
Factories ..	203,417	489,296	568,715	661,488	843,605	1,023,976
Total All Industries	388,385	1,058,145	1,143,817	1,406,857	1,982,417	1,954,804

## PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agricultural ..	6 0 6	29 13 4	21 3 3	27 5 8	25 3 1	29 0 7
Pastoral ..	9 4 7	25 9 5	31 0 1	42 1 2	85 3 9	47 2 7
Dairying ..	4 17 9	7 19 1	8 13 11	10 2 4	10 16 0	12 4 3
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 4 0	2 12 0	2 15 6	2 19 6	3 14 3
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 3 11	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	65 7 9	63 13 2	82 6 7	124 4 4	92 3 6
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 19 2	1 0 1	0 14 3	0 16 0	0 15 10
Forestry ..	1 2 7	2 6 8	2 12 3	2 17 11	3 8 9	4 9 3
Fisheries (a) ..	0 4 10	0 9 3	0 10 9	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	5 11 11	6 4 6	6 10 7	8 12 0	11 8 9
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	9 7 0	10 7 7	10 13 4	13 8 6	17 7 4
Total All Primary	26 14 11	74 14 9	74 0 9	92 19 11	137 12 10	109 10 10
Factories ..	29 8 4	64 5 8	73 4 4	82 10 6	101 19 3	120 10 0
Total All Industries	56 3 3	139 0 5	147 5 1	175 10 5	239 12 1	230 0 10

(a) Local value.

## ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.

(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1951-52.							
Agricultural ..	58,333	64,084	35,622	46,903	31,027	10,716	246,685
Pastoral ..	154,386	99,808	67,080	38,965	34,442	5,812	400,493
Dairying ..	30,525	39,152	18,176	8,858	4,003	3,062	103,776
Poultry ..	13,729	12,570	1,208	2,021	1,147	879	31,554
Bee-farming ..	254	213	28	150	115	14	774
Total Rural ..	257,227	215,827	122,114	96,897	70,734	20,483	783,282
Trapping ..	2,069	3,327	345	551	244	177	6,713
Forestry ..	12,461	8,479	7,040	3,179	3,689	3,057	37,905
Fisheries(a) ..	1,821	706	835	701	1,225	441	5,729
Mining and Quarrying	59,385	4,209	8,632	4,646	9,775	10,552	97,199
Total Non-rural ..	75,736	16,721	16,852	9,077	14,933	14,227	147,546
Total All Primary	332,963	232,548	138,966	105,974	85,667	34,710	930,828
Factories ..	443,391	334,360	91,329	82,409	42,693	29,794	1,023,976
Total All Industries—							
1951-52 ..	776,354	566,908	230,295	188,383	128,360	64,504	1,954,804
1950-51 ..	804,891	544,483	243,625	185,914	145,416	58,088	1,982,417
1949-50 ..	566,890	397,991	179,666	128,645	92,028	41,637	1,406,857
1948-49 ..	461,002	316,572	152,715	102,963	75,649	34,916	1,143,817
1947-48 ..	429,146	286,893	130,155	110,533	72,203	29,215	1,058,145
1938-39 ..	152,263	103,398	61,247	30,445	27,460	13,572	388,385

(a) Local value.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used.	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (c)	(7) Value of Output. (d)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
1938-39 ..	No. 26,941	No. 565,106	£'000. 106,743	£'000. 15,700	£'000. 231,303	£'000. 203,417	£'000. 500,420	£'000. 274,582
1947-48 ..	37,356	848,876	235,765	37,094	633,729	489,296	1,210,119	424,863
1948-49 ..	40,070	890,232	339,287	46,062	810,548	568,715	1,425,325	479,234
1949-50 ..	41,596	917,661	385,896	54,829	929,094	661,488	1,645,411	545,151
1950-51 ..	43,147	969,093	491,857	71,682	1,235,281	843,605	2,150,563	642,336
1951-52(e) ..	45,843	977,773	612,014	96,628	1,513,070	1,023,976	2,633,674	772,718

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (d) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

(e) Subject to revision.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—continued.**  
States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(b) £'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ..	7,652	4,000	1,424	1,017	1,160	438	15,700
5. " materials used ..	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(c) ..	90,266	65,996	19,301	13,679	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output ..	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. " land & buildings ..	57,353	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,920
9. " plant & mchnry ..	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662
1950-51.							
1. Factories .. No.	17,129	13,504	4,776	3,141	3,111	1,486	43,147
2. Persons employed(a) ..	406,965	316,792	94,579	83,169	43,761	23,827	969,093
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000.	211,339	163,207	42,837	43,079	19,658	11,737	491,857
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	35,331	17,371	6,295	7,267	3,759	1,609	71,082
5. " materials used ..	522,422	382,002	134,457	117,547	46,452	32,401	1,235,281
6. " production(c) ..	366,109	275,660	75,460	67,542	34,220	24,614	843,605
7. " output ..	923,912	675,033	216,212	192,356	84,431	58,624	2,150,568
8. " land & buildings ..	130,468	101,326	23,958	23,303	13,380	10,971	803,406
9. " plant & mchnry ..	136,492	107,261	34,235	26,759	14,713	19,470	388,930
1951-52.							
1. Factories .. No.	18,144	14,758	4,918	3,245	3,266	1,512	45,843
2. Persons employed(a) ..	405,994	324,143	94,349	84,189	45,071	24,027	977,773
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000.	263,652	202,586	51,906	53,797	25,369	14,704	612,014
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	48,664	21,990	8,287	10,408	5,172	2,107	96,628
5. " materials used ..	647,291	477,617	150,427	139,198	58,512	40,025	1,513,070
6. " production(c) ..	443,391	334,360	91,329	82,409	42,693	29,794	1,023,976
7. " output ..	1,139,346	833,967	250,043	232,015	106,377	71,926	2,633,674
8. " land & buildings ..	153,662	119,465	28,610	28,507	16,732	13,210	360,186
9. " plant & mchnry ..	166,437	128,934	41,290	32,177	20,700	22,994	412,532

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

**Value of Production(a)—Australia.**  
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products .. ..	5,146	5,473	18,419	17,325	21,892
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c., ..	5,572	6,065	12,904	16,667	20,946
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease .. ..	12,456	22,582	40,671	52,703	63,662
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances .. ..	62,435	129,692	246,232	326,993	413,051
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate .. ..	931	1,376	4,235	4,978	5,438
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods(not dress) ..	10,918	22,036	42,957	54,608	56,584
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear) .. ..	3,183	6,850	12,690	14,721	13,623
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted) .. ..	16,551	29,835	57,714	71,757	81,057
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco .. ..	41,601	61,988	100,989	118,322	141,054
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving .. ..	9,461	15,590	35,133	44,881	58,082
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. .. ..	4,200	5,467	13,118	17,137	19,321
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &c. .. ..	14,559	20,496	43,009	54,725	68,235
XIII. Rubber .. ..	2,761	4,182	9,370	13,065	18,044
XIV. Musical Instruments .. ..	136	207	726	1,260	1,416
XV. Miscellaneous Products .. ..	2,098	6,609	11,817	15,514	17,179
XVI. Heat, Light and Power .. ..	11,409	13,875	16,504	18,949	24,392
Total .. .. ..	203,417	352,323	661,488	843,605	1,023,976

(a) See note (c) above.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—*continued.*Proportion of Each Item of Outlay to Value of Total Output, 1951-52.  
(Per Cent.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Salaries and wages(a)	23.14	24.29	20.76	23.19	23.85	20.44	23.24
Power, Fuel, &c. . .	4.27	2.64	3.31	4.49	4.86	2.93	3.67
Materials used . . .	56.81	57.27	60.16	59.99	55.01	55.65	57.45
Margin for other miscellaneous expenses, charges, profits, &c. . .	15.78	15.80	15.77	12.33	16.28	20.98	15.64
Total Output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Salaries and wages as proportion of Value of Production . . .	59.46	60.58	56.83	65.28	59.42	49.35	59.77

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)  
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males . . .	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1947-48—Males . . .	405.77	401.52	357.14	385.31	349.33	369.89	394.24
Females	215.16	222.98	191.38	199.25	173.38	202.32	213.99
1948-49—Males . . .	455.88	457.85	405.20	442.11	390.29	425.40	446.20
Females	245.02	261.17	216.90	227.81	208.35	234.25	246.83
1949-50—Males . . .	499.33	510.86	446.87	487.71	433.40	465.44	492.23
Females	270.27	291.35	240.93	257.30	231.50	265.32	274.12
1950-51—Males . . .	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.93	515.67	558.67	591.46
Females	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.04	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951-52—Males . . .	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.82	643.71	687.09	725.62
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.71	351.29	404.71	422.04

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1951-52.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males . . .	304,808	233,699	77,673	68,327	37,788	19,934	742,229
Females . . .	101,186	90,444	16,676	15,862	7,283	4,093	235,544
Masculinity(b) . . .	301	258	466	431	519	487	315

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

## Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1953.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)  
(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>Houses—</b>								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	11,815	11,280	1,165	7,456	4,281	1,236	505	37,738
Fibro Cement	7,611	17,603	6,780	2,500	1,506	1,909	668	38,577
Other	14,078	1,815	1,148	712	4,646	92	3	22,494
Total Houses	34,596	30,936	9,260	10,739	10,456	3,237	1,176	100,400
Flats	1,376	986	168	126	270	5	..	2,931
Shops with Dwellings	687	656	85	13	66	24	3	1,534
Shops without Dwellings	650	893	305	228	376	85	44	2,581
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	621	24	16	42	25	77	..	805
Factories	2,724	6,267	677	406	362	231	10	10,677
Other New Buildings	10,192	5,627	2,848	971	2,027	847	715	23,227
Total Other Buildings	16,250	14,453	4,099	1,786	3,126	1,269	772	41,755
Total New Buildings	50,846	45,389	13,359	12,525	13,582	4,506	1,948	142,155

## VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)  
(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>COMMENCED.</b>								
1948-49	..	..	(a) 45,154	37,935	13,192	7,599	5,825	5,371
1949-50	..	..	(a) 51,277	44,218	16,994	11,301	8,459	8,379
1950-51	..	..	(a) 79,750	74,750	21,082	17,827	14,186	10,336
1951-52	..	..	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004
1952-53	..	..	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,910	6,611
Six months ended—								
December, 1952	..	..	31,987	25,269	13,751	11,968	9,507	8,045
December, 1953	..	..	50,608	42,424	13,105	12,439	12,211	7,577

## COMPLETED.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>COMPLETED.</b>								
1948-49	..	..	(a) 33,737	27,357	12,199	6,483	4,707	3,810
1949-50	..	..	(a) 40,920	34,684	13,953	9,074	5,352	5,342
1950-51	..	..	(a) 49,466	52,058	17,286	12,042	8,948	8,403
1951-52	..	..	76,207	63,615	23,339	18,123	14,426	10,511
1952-53	..	..	98,049	76,107	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665
Six months ended—								
December, 1952	..	..	47,593	39,990	13,144	13,092	12,183	5,567
December, 1953	..	..	50,846	45,389	13,359	12,525	13,582	4,506

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.</b>								
1948-49	..	..	(a) 59,172	44,267	8,479	7,735	6,416	5,872
1949-50	..	..	75,006	56,096	11,805	10,519	10,022	8,989
1950-51	..	..	102,708	85,058	15,653	17,272	15,942	12,178
1951-52	..	..	125,674	102,670	18,728	23,813	22,302	18,770
1952-53	..	..	105,261	94,017	17,888	25,553	23,189	10,494
December, 1952	..	..	114,050	91,716	19,318	23,944	21,085	11,891
December, 1953	..	..	108,595	92,215	17,592	24,007	23,461	10,801

(a) Partly estimated.

**NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1953.**

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Materials of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	3,130	3,315	420	2,827	1,316	366	120	11,494
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	3,051	7,207	3,463	812	549	851	206	16,139
Fibro Cement ..	6,645	1,004	741	355	2,157	52	1	10,955
Other ..	486	94	72	30	9	..	..	691
Total .. ..	13,312	11,620	4,696	4,024	4,031	1,269	327	39,279

**NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.**  
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Perio d.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.								
1948-49 .. ..	(a)21,291	16,487	9,361	4,561	3,843	2,849	534	(a)58,926
1949-50 .. ..	(a)22,055	19,643	10,009	6,109	5,031	3,664	389	(a)66,900
1950-51 .. ..	(a)25,162	26,949	10,698	7,966	6,970	4,122	877	(a)82,744
1951-52 .. ..	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	80,001
1952-53 .. ..	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	64,457
Six months ended—								
December, 1952 ..	9,706	7,352	4,999	4,186	3,410	1,066	261	30,980
December, 1953 ..	14,071	10,467	4,174	3,498	3,725	1,278	144	37,357
COMPLETED.								
1948-49 .. ..	(a)17,864	14,278	9,354	3,989	3,244	2,287	323	(a)51,339
1949-50 .. ..	(a)18,766	15,611	9,447	4,904	3,509	2,852	404	(a)55,493
1950-51 .. ..	(a)19,771	21,161	10,275	6,725	5,160	3,914	574	(a)67,580
1951-52 .. ..	23,351	23,951	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,909	584	77,976
1952-53 .. ..	24,890	21,033	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	77,380
Six months ended—								
December, 1952 ..	12,604	11,239	5,499	4,828	4,354	1,892	344	40,760
December, 1953 ..	13,312	11,620	4,696	4,024	4,031	1,269	327	39,279

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.**

	(a)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1948-49 .. ..	23,113	17,521	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	(a)	54,242
1949-50 .. ..	26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,708	
1950-51 .. ..	31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	80,909	
1951-52 .. ..	32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	83,000	
1952-53 .. ..	28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	70,092	
December, 1952 ..	29,908	22,994	4,635	6,786	5,973	2,317	626	73,239	
December, 1953 ..	29,705	20,900	3,396	5,960	5,645	2,123	463	68,192	

(a) Partly estimated.

**NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)**

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1948-49 .. ..	894	368	32	6	..	25	20	1,345
1949-50 .. ..	1,075	246	16	..	101	24	32	1,494
1950-51 .. ..	966	333	26	..	305	18	36	1,684
1951-52 .. ..	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	2,006
1952-53(b) .. ..	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	2,627
Six months ended—								
December, 1952 ..	823	285	34	12	76	8	36	1,274
December, 1953 ..	714	383	92	60	143	2	..	1,394

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) In this period 1,055 flats were commenced, and 2,037 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

## Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.  
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.
IMPORTS.						
New South Wales ..	..	53,088	178,119	214,617	303,977	429,104
Victoria ..	..	40,463	145,573	184,257	263,066	363,193
Queensland ..	..	9,070	32,484	48,900	67,400	86,427
South Australia ..	..	6,670	30,457	45,755	56,001	93,031
Western Australia ..	..	6,137	22,038	34,422	40,253	60,236
Tasmania ..	..	1,292	6,256	9,352	12,529	20,711
Northern Territory ..	..	34	287	766	840	720
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<b>Total</b> ..	..	<b>116,754</b>	<b>415,194</b>	<b>538,069</b>	<b>743,871</b>	<b>1,053,423</b>
EXPORTS.(a)						
New South Wales ..	..	45,903	178,754	216,591	325,637	201,460
Victoria ..	..	30,819	136,459	166,197	265,044	185,994
Queensland ..	..	28,652	99,122	98,703	160,332	95,975
South Australia ..	..	14,841	69,531	63,932	107,674	97,251
Western Australia ..	..	17,070	48,295	53,295	98,843	75,781
Tasmania ..	..	3,198	12,490	14,968	24,257	18,512
Northern Territory ..	..	13	22	11	9	35
<b>Total</b> ..	..	<b>140,496</b>	<b>542,673</b>	<b>613,697</b>	<b>981,796</b>	<b>675,008</b>

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

## OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
			£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£	£	Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37.1	16.8	19.6	0.7	20.3
1948-49 ..	957,867	415,194	537,570	5,103	542,673	122.8	53.2	68.9	0.7	69.6
1949-50 ..	1,151,766	538,069	608,462	5,235	613,697	143.1	66.8	75.6	0.7	76.3
1950-51 ..	1,725,667	743,871	975,614	6,182	981,796	207.6	89.5	117.4	0.7	118.1
1951-52 ..	1,728,431	1,053,423	667,059	7,949	675,008	202.4	123.4	78.1	0.9	79.0
1952-53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.4	58.8	98.7	0.9	99.6
Six months ended—										
Dec., 1952 ..	666,319	252,513	409,258	4,548	413,806	76.6	29.0	47.1	0.5	47.6
Dec., 1953 ..	761,982	318,108	430,821	4,053	443,874	85.9	35.9	49.5	0.5	50.0

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' Stores in £A'000 were 1938-39, £2,106; 1947-48, £5,510; 1948-49, £7,815; 1949-50, £7,581; 1950-51, £9,368; 1951-52, £10,478; and 1952-53, £11,696.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1948-49 ..	414,056	1,138	415,194	541,103	1,570	542,673	+127,047	+432	+127,479
1949-50 ..	586,124	1,945	538,069	611,653	2,044	613,697	+75,529	+99	+75,628
1950-51 ..	741,378	2,493	743,871	979,096	2,700	981,796	+237,718	+207	+237,925
1951-52 ..	1,049,751	3,672	1,053,423	665,240	9,768	675,008	-344,511	+6,096	-378,415
1952-53 ..	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1952 ..	250,486	2,027	252,513	401,407	12,300	413,806	+150,921	+10,372	+161,293
Dec., 1953 ..	317,232	876	318,108	434,095	9,779	443,874	+116,863	+8,903	+125,766

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.  
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

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OVERSEAS TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium.	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	210	..	..	..	..	..	196	..	99	..	..	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	206	88	..	3,411	125	71	95	10	52	..	1	125
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	129	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	1,385	..	29	..	38	..	30	..	43	..	61	..
5. Live animals ..	62	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances not food-stuffs ..	91	..	5	..	126	..	272	..	9	..	..	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ; cork and manufactures ; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres ..	1,226	..	7	97	483	51	186	1	103	..	68	2
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	14,583	1,573	48	6	4,444	1	5	2	19	3	480	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,475	..	..	..	190	..	8	2,117	72	4,254	81	58
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	223	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	78	..	278	4	10	42	7	..	220	..	5	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	39,881	..	2,746	..	2	167	63	..	9	..	174	..
13. Rubber and Leather and manufactures thereof ..	653	23	..	59	4	1,773	1	1	..	..	1	116
14. Wood and wicker ..	65	151	1,107	..	4	89	182	1	..	..	..	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china glass, and stoneware ..	1,774	..	47	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	297	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures, and stationery ..	4,744	..	502	..	83	..	50	..	..	..	13	..
17. Sporting materials, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	545	..	..	1	4	..	1	..	91	..	23	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1,208	..	54	..	3	..	1	4	..	..	7	..
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals ..	2,287	1	37	3	3	2	5	..	3	..	12	..
20. Miscellaneous ..	4,568	1	197	78	47	27	95	6	28	..	78	3
21. Gold and Silver ; bronze specie ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	..
Three months ended—												
September, 1953 ..	75,396	1,837	5,058	3,659	5,567	2,223	1,292	2,142	755	4,257	1,248	304
September, 1952 ..	45,074	1,522	5,373	2,591	6,610	1,783	903	1,299	720	3,938	2,095	366
Year 1952-53 ..	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,099	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
,, 1951-52 ..	465,706	6,903	23,559	11,173	47,825	18,632	7,410	8,764	4,418	13,068	27,528	7,365
,, 1950-51 ..	356,881	5,673	16,957	11,317	35,424	20,647	8,275	10,502	5,620	10,050	11,350	3,976
,, 1949-50 ..	278,748	4,602	13,276	8,937	27,664	4,026	4,956	7,308	3,640	6,314	3,589	4,052
,, 1938-39 ..	40,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(a)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.  
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho-slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Netherlands.	Norway.	Persia.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin . .	5	4	23	..	3	17	6	50	..	9	78	1,508
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages . .	..	4	3	135	102	9	299	..	..	..	3	5,736
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors . .	..	10	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	151
4. Tobacco . .	..	..	..	..	34	..	224	2	..	..	313	4,002
5. Live animals . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105
6. Animal substances not food-stuffs . .	..	4	2	..	..	26	..	11	..	14	10	855
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres . .	..	15	69	302	17	1	42	7	7	16	597	5,219
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel . .	325	792	661	3	1,241	613	888	3	3	5	152	26,133
9. Oils, fats and waxes . .	..	259	179	4,889	719	..	81	2	..	8	1,072	20,778
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes . .	1	30	79	..	7	..	2	2	..	..	301	658
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons . .	..	2	5	..	5	4	4	2	..	8	644	1,358
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery . .	52	454	2,773	..	381	72	251	305	..	587	9,637	58,503
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof . .	..	13	10	149	13	..	1	..	..	2	84	2,980
14. Wood and wicker . .	2	8	4	26	6	14	2	44	..	183	355	2,511
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass, and stoneware . .	73	35	43	..	24	37	3	..	..	20	59	2,494
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures, and stationery . .	45	13	73	..	18	..	85	378	..	1,493	210	8,349
17. Sporting materials, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces . .	56	26	240	..	37	..	18	9	..	10	18	1,497
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments . .	6	31	135	..	41	2	19	1	..	3	276	1,900
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals . .	..	128	392	..	44	64	42	2	..	40	367	4,813
20. Miscellaneous . .	19	1,347	210	26	175	22	154	13	..	101	544	8,310
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	560
Three months ended—												
September, 1953 . .	584	3,175	4,902	5,530	2,860	881	2,122	831	10	2,499	14,715	157,920
September, 1952 . .	284	2,068	4,381	6,536	1,735	1,939	1,410	816	53	1,900	23,250	132,666
Year 1952-53 . .	1,019	9,258	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,892	5,954	2,420	323	6,786	85,168	514,109
, 1951-52 . .	6,513	22,390	32,718	25,530	27,712	43,582	14,975	11,650	2,292	27,537	109,141	1,053,423
, 1950-51 . .	5,984	16,414	14,665	21,788	16,655	15,595	8,281	4,962	15,962	16,298	60,878	748,871
, 1949-50 . .	4,371	10,645	(a) 6,584	14,750	9,058	6,999	3,203	3,100	11,169	7,755	52,248	(b) 588,069
, 1938-39 . .	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(b) 116,754

(a) Germany, Eastern and Western Zones.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

## EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

OVERSEAS TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	19,599	320	531	365	292	1	604	27	930	32	35	510
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ;												
non-alcoholic beverages ..	16,601	4,544	2,141	227	5,329	37	1,136	3,448	1,503	30	30	324
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	158	144	1	1	2	..	7	20	11	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	1	..	3	12	..	..	..	13	95	..	..	..
6. Animal substances not food-stuffs ..	21,687	426	..	207	178	400	..	62	16	617	6,063	111
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres ..	24	4	1	1	12	..	..	118	1	9	10	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	37	12	..	16	16	..	1	142	3	21	2	1
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	491	1	31	4	105	..	26	17	31	26	2	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	1	..	1	7	..	..	..	104	8	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	894	..	1	..	2	..	37	108	1	3	260	1
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	7,556	64	185	100	1,033	1	214	2,653	229	423	67	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	427	2	..	131	5	..	7	76	22	36	5	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	122	7	8	13	..	..	14	523	5	79	3	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass, and stoneware ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	97	8	..	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures, and stationery ..	59	1	1	1	4	1	6	386	6	9	..	..
17. Sporting materials, toys, fancy goods, Jewellery and time-pieces ..	3	1	4	1	1	..	..	54	1	16	..	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	23	..	..	3	2	..	..	186	6	3	1	..
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals ..	106	9	20	22	15	..	38	361	32	14	..	13
20. Miscellaneous ..	222	21	39	81	15	1	25	633	119	16	1	1
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	3,528	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Three months ended—												
September, 1953 ..	71,540	5,556	2,967	1,193	7,011	441	2,115	9,029	3,027	1,334	6,479	962
September, 1952 ..	64,797	4,108	3,052	1,321	1,830	912	1,926	7,831	3,320	854	4,839	1,110
Year 1952-53 ..	359,257	8,712	14,687	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
,, 1951-52 ..	208,159	9,177	10,630	3,800	16,911	2,426	8,532	37,321	11,810	3,528	24,940	8,976
,, 1950-51 ..	320,605	17,212	8,950	5,968	21,981	3,055	8,214	20,265	10,875	4,178	48,245	22,306
,, 1949-50 ..	237,526	9,048	6,070	6,848	37,034	865	5,566	21,286	8,071	2,832	27,492	9,696
,, 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(a)	813	5,547	601

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Persia.	Poland.	Soviet Russia.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	17	103	22	57	305	32	1	..	..	2	305	26,538
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	2	104	2,050	722	1,346	300	1	..	..	673	58	47,907
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	494
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
5. Live animals ..	..	..	3	..	38	3	..	..	..	..	3	196
6. Animal substances not food- stuffs ..	12,581	3,508	..	5,251	8,741	371	37	1,484	3,592	189	4,947	73,949
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures; plastic moulding ma- terials and synthetic fibres ..	3	14	7	4	..	11	..	..	..	..	146	380
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	..	1	1	75	4	3	..	..	..	..	21	574
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1	120	4	20	2	144	..	..	..	60	8	1,471
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	229
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	131	63	1	21	23	62	..	17	..	41	1,711	3,943
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	5	110	181	183	773	238	2	..	..	14	5,455	21,559
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	..	..	11	1	2	..	..	..	7	3	845
14. Wood and wicker ..	..	2	2	..	16	13	..	..	..	..	11	963
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass, and stoneware ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	198
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures, and stationery ..	..	..	5	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	572
17. Sporting materials, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	156
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1	1	1	..	6	4	..	..	..	..	65	428
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals ..	6	4	22	..	42	5	1	..	..	..	44	1,061
20. Miscellaneous ..	2	13	5	7	279	9	..	..	..	..	1	2,682
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	2,962	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	7,119
Three months ended—												
September, 1953 ..	..	15,711	4,050	2,330	6,353	11,590	1,197	42	1,501	3,592	987	12,886
September, 1952 ..	..	11,100	2,955	1,360	3,922	13,690	2,632	94	728	11	330	10,843
Year 1952-53 ..	..	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	1,642	2,888	57,837
" 1951-52 ..	..	57,875	20,839	3,967	37,998	48,514	11,353	439	5,008	..	6,086	675,008
" 1950-51 ..	..	89,820	27,737	3,243	49,010	61,550	11,240	1,280	14,785	8,396	12,426	77,215
" 1949-50 ..	..	40,661	(a) 16,578	507	19,406	23,974	9,878	1,774	13,169	11,187	5,044	148,830
" 1938-39 ..	..	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	278	637	981,706
												613,697
												140,496

(a) Germany, Eastern and Western Zones.

OVERSEA TRADE.

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

(\$A'000.)

Division.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CUSTOMS.</b>				
1. Ale, Spirits and Beverages ..	642	706	1,006	1,208
2. Tobacco and Manufactures thereof ..	4,764	5,125	10,117	10,318
3. Sugar ..	..	1	..	1
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	245	405	553	789
5. Textiles, &c. and Attire ..	743	2,551	1,419	4,613
6. Metals and Machinery ..	2,376	2,665	4,542	5,334
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	6,232	7,187	12,644	13,886
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	139	405	307	719
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	115	176	229	328
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	64	244	158	459
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	291	777	556	1,302
12. Leather and Rubber ..	104	319	366	610
13. Paper and Stationery ..	101	203	162	375
14. Vehicles ..	497	1,215	1,118	2,466
15. Musical Instruments ..	..	7	17	14
16. Miscellaneous ..	250	594	474	1,091
Primage ..	1,665	2,246	3,538	4,363
Ships' Stores ..	26	16	62	61
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	172	197	315	408
<b>Total Customs</b> ..	<b>18,433</b>	<b>25,049</b>	<b>37,580</b>	<b>48,356</b>
<b>EXCISE.</b>				
Beer ..	17,351	20,014	32,410	35,832
Cigarette Papers ..	252	285	480	543
Coal ..	158	162	306	305
Matches ..	256	293	481	559
Petrol ..	973	1,127	1,830	2,059
Playing Cards ..	11	17	19	29
Spirits ..	1,820	1,710	3,644	3,397
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	8,549	10,108	16,542	19,491
Other Excise, including Licences ..	71	124	115	222
<b>Total Excise</b> ..	<b>29,441</b>	<b>33,840</b>	<b>55,827</b>	<b>62,437</b>
<b>Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections</b> ..	<b>47,874</b>	<b>58,889</b>	<b>93,407</b>	<b>110,793</b>
<b>Refunds and Drawback paid</b> ..	<b>1,507</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>2,539</b>
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE</b> ..	<b>46,367</b>	<b>57,697</b>	<b>89,897</b>	<b>108,254</b>

## VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

## IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
<b>Fish—</b>				
Fresh or Preserved by Cold Process ..	235	302	335	545
Preserved in Airtight Vessels ..	80	530	330	873
Other ..	114	131	199	207
Gelatine, edible ..	1	2	8	5
<b>Meats—</b>				
Sausage Casings ..	194	130	486	262
Other ..	2	10	6	590
Milk and Cream ..		1		3
Other Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	89	166	163	293
<b>Total, Class I.</b> ..	<b>715</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>2,778</b>
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ;</b>				
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter ..	32	423	125	848
Cocoa and Chocolate, raw ..	31	64	121	272
Coffee and Chicory ..	185	497	371	1,159
Confectionery, Cocoa and Chocolate ..	15	32	23	63
<b>Fruits—</b>				
Dried ..	30	95	31	98
Fresh ..				1
Preserved in liquid ..	2	12	8	14
Ginger ..	9	13	18	48
<b>Grain and Pulse—</b>				
Prepared ..	12	2	13	9
Unprepared ..	47	51	181	179
Hops ..	52	78	56	199
Liquorice ..	3	7	15	17
Malt and Malt Extract ..		1	3	1
Nuts, edible ..	225	407	426	806
Pickles and Sauces ..	4	26	10	38
Sago and Tapioca ..	26	20	33	60
Soups ..	1	4	2	13
Spices ..	160	156	330	321
Sugar and Sugar Syrups ..	13	65	101	80
Tea ..	2,050	2,833	5,107	6,240
Vegetables preserved in liquid ..	6	14	12	19
Other Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..	45	54	62	101
<b>Total, Class II.</b> ..	<b>2,948</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>7,048</b>	<b>10,586</b>
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry ..	20	14	23	20
<b>Spirits (Beverages)—</b>				
Brandy ..		10	2	15
Gin ..	3	12	4	14
Rum ..		9	7	10
Whisky ..	267	260	665	378
Other, including Liqueurs and Bitters ..	3	15	7	23
<b>Wine, Fermented—</b>				
Sparkling ..		4	2	6
Other ..	2	14	5	22
<b>Total, Class III.</b> ..	<b>295</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>488</b>

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>				
Cigarettes .. . . .	1,022	1,596	1,570	3,423
Cigars .. . . .	5	39	6	58
Snuff .. . . .	..	1	..	2
Tobacco—				
Manufactured .. . . .	28	28	32	56
Unmanufactured .. . . .	3,061	2,762	4,732	4,888
Total, Class IV. .. . .	4,116	4,426	6,340	8,427
<b>CLASS V—LIVE ANIMALS</b> .. . .				
	36	56	157	161
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.</b>				
Hair and Fibre .. . . .	51	221	104	365
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse .. . . .	13	56	38	93
Furred Skins .. . . .	40	127	87	213
Goat .. . . .	39	43	69	82
Other .. . . .	9	20	19	39
Shells .. . . .	37	69	50	109
Silk, raw .. . . .	..	14	..	36
Wool .. . . .	86	575	148	988
Other Animal Substances .. . . .	54	35	109	91
Total, Class VI. .. . .	329	1,160	624	2,016
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES: CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.</b>				
Copra .. . . .	600	579	1,518	1,017
Cork and Manufactures .. . . .	88	107	134	201
Fibres—				
Coir .. . . .	39	65	100	153
Cotton, raw (including linters and waste) .. . .	658	1,756	2,758	3,506
Flax and Hemp .. . . .	47	34	61	102
Jute .. . . .	1	223	35	290
Kapok .. . . .	91	127	154	251
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments .. . . .	141	200	202	436
Other .. . . .	598	479	1,910	848
Grasses and Straws .. . . .	..	4	10	16
Gums and Resins .. . . .	..	127	272	320
Plastic Materials .. . . .	384	1,368	694	2,596
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural .. . . .	115	190	199	409
Linseed .. . . .	16	..	16	..
Other .. . . .	10	143	17	207
Tanning Substances .. . . .	..	92	160	166
Other Vegetable Substances .. . . .	59	124	89	198
Total, Class VII. .. . .	3,070	5,835	8,383	11,051

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL:</b>				
<b>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</b>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Chaff, Bran and Compressed Fodder ..			29	..
Corn and Flour .. ..	249	349	3,177	2,860
Woolpacks .. ..	13	127	1,698	479
Other .. ..	38	43	71	50
Cordage and Twines .. ..	41	99	66	170
Sewing and Other Cotton .. ..	238	643	400	1,201
Yarns—				
Cotton .. ..	371	856	527	1,500
Hair .. ..	63	56	79	168
Rayon and Silk .. ..	1,172	2,437	1,889	5,198
Wool .. ..	11	51	31	82
Other .. ..	14	23	40	41
Total, Class VIII.(a) .. ..	2,210	4,684	8,007	11,749
<b>(b) Textiles—</b>				
Blankets and Blanketing .. ..	15	62	36	120
Carpets, Linoleums, &c. .. ..	336	2,579	524	4,210
Cosies, Cushions, D'oyleys, &c. ..	28	103	45	172
Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, &c. ..	88	345	147	658
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck .. ..	177	362	819	714
Cotton and Linen .. ..	2,529	9,556	6,078	18,578
Fabrics and Felts, impregnated .. ..	38	207	141	405
Hessian and Other Jute .. ..	366	576	834	1,277
Moquettes .. ..	9	48	9	79
Rayon and Silk .. ..	1,646	3,642	3,470	7,169
Velvets, Velveteens, &c. .. ..	30	250	54	383
Woollen .. ..	68	382	139	558
Other .. ..	249	329	590	629
Quilts, Tablecovers, Sheets, &c. .. ..	6	54	14	79
Rugs and Rugging .. ..	2	5	5	15
Towels and Towelling .. ..	64	300	115	489
Other Textiles .. ..	62	185	125	298
Total, Class VIII.(b) .. ..	5,713	18,985	13,145	35,833
<b>(c) Apparel—</b>				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.—				
Knitted .. ..	33	97	57	177
Other than Knitted .. ..	9	89	20	128
Boots and Shoes .. ..	30	137	82	260
Buttons .. ..	9	98	17	179
Furs and Other Skins .. ..	1	12	3	16
Gloves .. ..	86	339	185	647
Hats and Caps .. ..	82	261	149	452
Men's and Boys' Outer Clothing .. ..	17	47	49	110
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. .. ..	8	63	14	95
Socks and Stockings .. ..	31	212	74	341
Trimmings and Ornaments .. ..	196	1,101	451	2,062

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued</i>.</b>				
(c) <i>Apparel</i> —continued.				
Umbrellas and Sunshades .. ..	13	46	26	84
Other Apparel .. ..	62	217	100	382
Total, Class VIII.(c) .. ..	577	2,719	1,227	4,933
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	8,500	26,388	22,379	52,515
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.</b>				
Fats and Waxes, &c. .. ..	81	141	162	283
Oils—				
Castor .. ..	1	119	53	202
Linseed .. ..	59	356	142	714
Olive .. ..	62	169	127	307
Petroleum—				
Kerosene .. ..	1,450	1,596	3,415	3,528
Lubricating (Mineral) .. ..	873	672	3,182	1,376
Residual and Solar .. ..	4,328	4,487	8,901	9,143
Spirit .. ..	8,724	9,668	17,639	19,665
Other .. ..	2,449	2,416	4,938	4,877
Tung (China Wood) .. ..	42	73	95	179
Turpentine .. ..	3	11	9	31
Other .. ..	81	192	203	407
Total, Class IX. .. ..	18,153	19,900	38,866	40,712
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.</b>				
Coloured Pigments .. ..	132	912	450	1,516
Paints and Colours .. ..	20	34	28	68
Varnishes, Stains, &c. .. ..	9	33	12	51
Total, Class X. .. ..	161	979	490	1,635
<b>CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.</b>				
Asbestos .. ..	445	568	1,143	992
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch .. ..	27	26	189	66
Coal .. ..	72	9	405	9
Coke .. ..	..	115	3	116
Stones—				
Abrasives (Natural) .. ..	227	86	353	165
Other .. ..	2	22	4	32
Sulphur .. ..	1,149	606	1,652	1,214
Other Minerals, &c. .. ..	77	137	197	332
Total, Class XI. .. ..	1,999	1,569	3,946	2,926

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*  
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.</b>				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and Aluminium-base Alloys—				
Blocks, Ingots, &c. (excluding Wire and Cable) .. .. ..	595	599	1,209	1,371
Baths, Sinks and other Hollow-ware .. .. ..	12	29	29	37
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets and Washers .. .. ..	173	143	425	297
Copper and Copper-base Alloys—				
Pigs, Ingots, &c. .. .. ..	1,303	28	4,212	29
Rods, Bars .. .. ..	289	28	631	65
Other (excluding Wire and Cable) .. .. ..	170	124	272	283
Heating and Cooking Appliances .. .. ..	106	276	207	548
Iron and Steel (including special Ferro-Alloys)—				
Bars, Rods, Hoops, Ingots, &c. .. .. ..	966	446	2,554	777
Beams, &c. .. .. ..	846	259	1,573	494
Ferro-Alloys (mainly in lump form) .. .. ..	194	29	343	142
Pig and Scrap, &c. .. .. ..	..	3	..	5
Pipes, Tubes and Fittings therefor .. .. ..	366	735	1,037	1,309
Plate and Sheet—				
Galvanized—				
Corrugated .. .. ..	300	342	458	618
Flat .. .. ..	79	6	180	13
Plain .. .. ..	1,307	590	3,783	1,170
Tinned .. .. ..	3,186	1,153	6,294	2,462
Rails, Fish-plates, Fish-bolts, &c. .. .. ..	576	35	919	84
Kitchenware .. .. ..	10	94	35	159
Lamps and Lampware .. .. ..	117	86	233	176
Leaf and Foil .. .. ..	103	191	159	338
Metal Furniture .. .. ..	6	41	19	84
Meters and Parts .. .. ..	498	603	932	1,322
Nails .. .. ..	44	30	67	42
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, Crochet Hooks .. .. ..	18	64	39	124
Platedware and Cutlery .. .. ..	266	638	408	1,143
Tin Ingots, &c. .. .. ..	..	184	..	350
Tools of Trade .. .. ..	350	868	679	1,643
Vehicles—Aircraft and Parts .. .. ..	3,432	2,191	5,202	3,782
Cycles and Cycle Parts .. .. ..	35	176	61	309
Motor Cycles, Side-cars, &c. .. .. ..	73	296	110	547
Motor Vehicles—				
Bodies and Parts .. .. ..	757	2,073	1,416	4,024
Chassis and Parts .. .. ..	4,989	9,110	11,287	19,182
Other and Parts .. .. ..	2,895	2,515	5,098	5,384
Wire—				
Single Strand—				
Copper and Copper-base Alloys .. .. ..	75	100	174	173
Iron and Steel .. .. ..	175	83	399	139
Other .. .. ..	64	75	179	147
Manufactures*—				
Copper and Copper-base Alloys .. .. ..	9	7	54	19
Iron and Steel .. .. ..	233	325	445	587
Other .. .. ..	14	205	38	571
Other Metals and Semi-manufactures†	359	439	631	773
Other Metal Manufactures .. .. ..	1,704	2,773	3,602	4,941
Total, Class XII.(a) .. .. ..	26,694	27,992	55,393	55,663

\* For covered cable and wire, see Class XII.(b)

† Includes all Basic Shapes, Castings and Forgings in the rough and Pipes and Tubes flexible or coated.

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued</i>.</b>				
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery, and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i> —				
Batteries and Accumulators .. ..	65	81	196	180
Cable and Wire, covered .. ..	961	484	1,600	1,183
Communication Equipment, including				
Radio .. .. ..	738	539	1,248	1,205
Dynamo Electric Machines .. ..	1,788	1,324	3,041	3,219
Heating and Cooking Appliances .. ..	62	130	143	204
Lamps, Filament .. .. ..	57	271	91	527
Protective Equipment .. .. ..	317	131	381	254
Regulating, Starting and Controlling				
Apparatus .. .. ..	1,704	1,054	2,443	2,072
Sparking Plugs .. .. ..	66	130	123	230
Transformers and Rectifiers .. ..	1,331	930	2,027	1,975
Electrical Machinery and Appliances, n.e.i. .. .. ..	548	673	988	1,266
Total, Class XII.(b) .. ..	7,637	5,747	12,281	12,315
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)</i> —				
Air and Gas Compressors .. ..	221	202	365	451
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c., Machinery .. ..	1,177	1,282	2,600	3,001
Cranes, Hoists and other Lifting Machinery .. ..	245	513	478	887
Dairying Machinery .. ..	248	152	397	329
Hand Tools .. .. ..	226	428	362	727
Household Machines, (excepting Sewing and Refrigerating)—				
Vacuum Cleaners .. ..	14	63	29	123
Washing Machines .. ..	28	244	75	323
Other .. .. ..	37	106	47	246
Metal-working Machinery .. ..	2,442	1,648	4,294	3,899
Mining Machinery .. ..	1,818	1,189	4,442	2,461
Motive Power (excluding Electrical) Machinery—				
Tractors and Parts .. ..	2,196	4,512	5,721	8,805
Other and Parts .. ..	6,366	5,976	10,863	10,755
Office and Accounting Machines .. ..	770	1,075	1,654	1,976
Packaging Machinery .. ..	143	85	230	201
Paper-making Machinery .. ..	138	65	367	141
Printing Machinery .. ..	289	328	562	646
Refrigerating Appliances .. ..	71	421	204	620
Roller and Ball Bearings .. ..	635	575	1,612	1,171
Sewing Machines .. .. ..	332	631	707	1,249
Textile-working Machinery and Appliances .. ..	712	820	1,235	1,652
Weighing Machines .. .. ..	73	69	143	193
Other Machines and Machinery .. ..	5,134	3,166	8,904	7,943
Total, Class XII.(c) .. ..	23,315	23,550	45,291	47,799
Total, Class XII. .. ..	57,646	57,289	112,965	115,777

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.</b>				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—Crude, Waste and Masticated	448	1,952	2,352	4,146
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, Rubber Thread .. ..	97	232	132	469
Floor Coverings .. ..	6	11	17	22
Rubber Tyres .. ..	231	323	1,165	582
Other .. ..	95	173	165	318
Total, Class XIII.(a) .. ..	877	2,691	3,831	5,537
<i>(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather .. ..	25	92	55	176
Leather Manufactures .. ..	38	50	85	100
Total, Class XIII.(b) .. ..	63	142	140	276
Total, Class XIII. .. ..	940	2,833	3,971	5,813
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.</b>				
Manufactures of Timber—				
Furniture .. ..	17	39	35	66
Plywood .. ..	23	33	63	64
Other .. ..	70	174	298	296
Timber—				
Dressed, Bent, or Cut into Shape .. ..	135	289	545	536
Undressed (including Logs) .. ..	938	2,128	1,884	4,137
Wicker, Bamboo and Cane .. ..	29	81	58	155
Total, Class XIV. .. ..	1,212	2,744	2,883	5,254
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.</b>				
Abrasives (Synthetic) .. ..	170	193	391	334
Cement .. ..	230	108	534	328
Cement, Asbestos, &c., Manufactures .. ..	29	1	168	3
Crockery and Other Householdware .. ..	201	1,041	406	1,781
Glass and Glassware .. ..	413	1,187	702	2,259
Porcelain for Electrical Purposes .. ..	86	85	200	160
Tiles .. ..	43	228	86	398
Other Earthenware, China, &c. .. ..	68	82	139	157
Total, Class XV. .. ..	1,240	2,925	2,626	5,420

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i> —				
Millboards and Other Boards ..	144	275	222	495
Paper—				
Printing .. .. ..	1,855	3,392	4,236	6,783
Tissue and Cap (including Cigarette) .. ..	69	292	150	697
Wrapping .. .. ..	296	730	644	1,347
Writing and Typewriting .. ..	261	308	539	698
Other .. .. ..	260	293	432	550
Parchment .. .. ..	30	15	55	29
Pulp for Paper-making .. .. ..	395	834	1,447	1,564
Total, Class XVI.(a) .. ..	3,310	6,139	7,725	12,163
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery</i> —				
Advertising Matter .. .. ..	35	72	67	126
Books (Printed), Directories, &c. .. ..	1,346	1,499	2,429	3,156
Pens and Pencils .. .. ..	145	400	207	648
Other Stationery, &c. .. .. ..	245	464	420	834
Total, Class XVI.(b) .. ..	1,771	2,435	3,123	4,764
Total, Class XVI. .. ..	5,081	8,574	10,848	16,927
<b>CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIALS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.</b>				
Articles for Games .. .. ..	15	98	30	179
Fancy Goods .. .. ..	52	319	96	502
Jewellery .. .. ..	75	327	140	500
Precious Stones, Unset .. .. ..	113	350	139	522
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c. .. ..	228	630	472	1,124
Toys .. .. ..	67	513	129	910
Total, Class XVII. .. ..	550	2,237	1,006	3,737
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS., N.E.I.</b>				
Cameras and Photographic Goods .. ..	101	450	186	650
Films for Cinematographs .. ..	393	414	776	807
Instruments—				
Optical and Meteorological .. ..	140	320	197	493
Surgical and Dental .. ..	288	487	522	891
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c. .. ..	64	353	97	573
Other Instruments, &c. .. ..	447	625	798	1,133
Total, Class XVIII. .. ..	1,433	2,649	2,576	4,547

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.  
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS.</b>				
Acids .. .. .. ..	71	98	127	200
Argol .. .. .. ..	17	10	35	31
Caustic Soda .. .. .. ..	1	1	5	4
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines .. .. .. ..	661	805	1,075	1,544
Other .. .. .. ..	314	537	496	987
Dyes .. .. .. ..	146	418	238	735
Fertilizers .. .. .. ..	735	1,016	1,613	1,671
Flavouring and Perfume Materials .. .. .. ..	3	14	9	24
Insecticides, Disinfectants, &c. .. .. .. ..	24	34	26	51
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous) .. .. .. ..	69	85	150	200
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations .. .. .. ..	38	130	63	232
Salt .. .. .. ..	12	52	16	84
Salts of Acids—				
Calcium .. .. .. ..	37	76	88	117
Copper .. .. .. ..	11	23	23	38
Magnesium .. .. .. ..	1	8	4	17
Potassium .. .. .. ..	25	25	36	55
Sodium—				
Carbonate .. .. .. ..	20	4	114	8
Cyanide .. .. .. ..	46	42	140	95
Other .. .. .. ..	92	158	143	307
Other .. .. .. ..	130	170	223	276
Soap .. .. .. ..	8	116	11	198
Spirituous Preparations .. .. .. ..	30	240	89	414
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .. ..	792	1,139	1,600	2,207
Total, Class XIX. .. ..	3,283	5,201	6,324	9,495
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
Antiques, Paintings and Works of Art .. ..	46	70	74	110
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives .. ..	1,180	1,492	2,957	2,557
Articles of Asbestos, Celluloid, Plastics, &c. ..	68	223	94	419
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. .. ..	33	165	64	285
Brushware .. .. .. ..	16	78	25	132
Goods imported by Parcel Post .. ..	50	75	91	126
Musical Instruments—				
Pianos and Player Pianos .. .. .. ..	5	36	11	54
Piano and Player Piano Parts .. .. .. ..	5	11	7	18
Other and Parts .. .. .. ..	17	73	32	116
Outside Packages .. .. .. ..	2,103	3,069	4,637	6,108
Packings for Engines, &c. .. .. .. ..	215	238	336	457
Passengers' Effects .. .. .. ..	887	627	1,861	1,390
Prefabricated Buildings .. .. .. ..	2,226	1,245	5,599	3,457
Vessels (Ships) .. .. .. ..	19	886	637	1,088
Wall and Ceiling Parts, Decorations, &c. ..	62	130	109	210
All other articles .. .. .. ..	126	231	278	440
Total, Class XX. .. ..	7,058	8,649	16,812	16,967
Total, Merchandise .. ..	118,765	159,878	250,486	317,232

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.</b>				
Bronze Specie .. ..				17
Gold, including Gold in Matte .. ..	1,029	302	1,944	850
Silver, including Silver in Matte .. ..	53	8	66	26
Total, Class XXI. .. ..	1,082	310	2,027	876

## SUMMARY.

## Importing States—

New South Wales .. ..	49,228	64,383	102,278	127,321
Victoria .. ..	40,878	57,417	85,287	112,774
Queensland .. ..	10,989	13,818	20,956	27,163
South Australia .. ..	9,058	11,273	22,098	24,065
Western Australia .. ..	6,586	10,548	15,164	20,675
Tasmania .. ..	3,023	2,739	6,634	5,842
Northern Territory .. ..	85	10	96	268
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	..	..	..	..
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .. ..	<b>119,847</b>	<b>160,188</b>	<b>252,513</b>	<b>318,108</b>

## EXPORTS.

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<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
Butter .. ..	9,175	4,868	11,236	6,883
Cheese .. ..	2,073	1,978	2,692	2,517
Eggs .. ..	4,478	3,652	6,255	5,405
Fish, Fresh or Preserved by Cold Process ..	216	80	266	175
Ghee .. ..	87	143	184	247
Honey .. ..	158	103	384	279
Infants' and Invalids' Foods .. ..	485	587	828	1,109
Margarine .. ..	19	3	32	45
Meats, Poultry and Game—				
Bacon and Hams .. ..	308	220	497	418
Potted or Concentrated .. ..	242	215	384	549
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef and Veal .. ..	3,081	5,242	4,921	15,182
Lamb .. ..	3,095	1,918	3,566	2,032
Mutton .. ..	624	432	783	813
Offals .. ..	417	453	756	1,043
Pork .. ..	147	100	227	267
Poultry .. ..	363	160	1,158	455
Rabbits and Hares .. ..	582	416	1,937	1,529
Preserved in Airtight Vessels .. ..	10,965	5,291	21,724	11,290
Sausage Casings .. ..	535	340	886	618
Other .. ..	123	100	271	225
Milk and Cream .. ..	4,229	3,535	5,596	5,140
Other Foodstuffs of Animal Origin .. ..	211	162	327	301
<b>Total, Class I.</b> .. ..	<b>41,613</b>	<b>29,998</b>	<b>64,910</b>	<b>56,522</b>

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.</b>				
Biscuits, Cakes and Puddings .. ..	192	95	418	228
Confectionery, Cocoa and Chocolate .. ..	100	95	218	242
Fruit Juices, Syrups and Substitutes .. ..	235	124	1,431	378
Fruits—				
Dried—				
Currants .. .. ..	12	91	448	522
Raisins .. .. ..	208	516	2,558	3,211
Other .. .. ..	51	258	309	351
Fresh—				
Apples .. .. ..	51	8	1,509	305
Citrus .. .. ..	393	381	613	689
Other .. .. ..	8	4	85	47
Frozen .. .. ..	3	9	5	90
Preserved in Liquid .. .. ..	1,360	1,178	4,729	3,610
Pulped .. .. ..	90	90	154	220
Grain and Pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast Foods .. .. ..	140	254	303	516
Flour (Wheaten)—Plain White .. .. ..	7,901	6,471	17,146	16,906
Other .. .. ..	(a)	241	(a)	443
Rice .. .. ..	442	1,072	878	2,005
Other .. .. ..	181	287	428	518
Unprepared—				
Barley .. .. ..	786	558	3,218	4,518
Maize .. .. ..	283	107	297	352
Oats .. .. ..	943	365	1,898	736
Peas (not split) .. .. ..	110	32	238	174
Sorghum .. .. ..	1,154	1	1,157	659
Wheat .. .. ..	9,529	6,677	18,681	19,497
Other .. .. ..	73	38	353	455
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. ..	202	62	497	202
Soups .. .. ..	128	211	724	298
Sugar and Sugar Syrups .. .. ..	7,967	13,557	11,119	22,373
Tea .. .. ..	46	66	110	124
Vegetables—				
Preserved or Pulp .. .. ..	230	236	322	338
Other .. .. ..	104	100	1,031	238
Other Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin .. ..	704	350	1,484	1,157
Total, Class II... .. ..	33,626	33,534	72,361	81,402
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry .. ..	69	35	157	146
Spirits (Beverages) .. .. ..	114	74	227	144
Wine .. .. ..	171	163	424	476
Total, Class III. .. ..	354	272	808	766
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff .. ..	9	23	19	43
Tobacco .. .. ..	55	48	116	102
Total, Class IV. .. ..	64	71	135	145

(a) Included with Other Prepared Grain and Pulse.

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.</b>				
Cattle .. .. ..	9	39	24	53
Horses .. .. ..	47	44	103	123
Sheep .. .. ..	68	81	139	163
Other Live Animals .. .. ..	18	22	36	43
Total, Class V... .. ..	142	186	302	382
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.</b>				
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse .. .. ..	355	467	745	939
Fox .. .. ..	..	..	1	..
Kangaroo and Wallaby .. .. ..	85	95	133	151
Opossum .. .. ..	30	94	31	127
Rabbit and Hare .. .. ..	277	231	618	687
Sheep .. .. ..	4,406	3,867	7,896	7,986
Other (including Sheep and Lamb-skin Pieces) .. .. ..	33	77	71	153
Pearl-shell .. .. ..	263	190	476	392
Trochus-shell .. .. ..	40	165	96	306
Wool—				
Greasy .. .. ..	124,691	137,378	162,823	192,517
Scoured and Washed, Carbonized, Tops, Noils and Waste .. .. ..	11,815	11,299	22,611	24,340
Other Animal Substances .. .. ..	196	158	340	291
Total, Class VI. .. ..	142,191	154,021	195,841	227,889
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES, CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.</b>				
Fibres .. .. ..				
Plastic Materials .. .. ..	4	2	12	17
Seeds .. .. ..	58	108	125	193
Tanning Substances .. .. ..	46	68	297	173
Other Vegetable Substances .. .. ..	57	139	82	228
Total, Class VII. .. ..	34	53	77	132
199	370	593	743	
<b>CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.</b>				
(a) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres</i> —				
Yarns—				
Woollen.. .. ..	6	46	24	85
Other .. .. ..	25	35	102	51
Other Manufactured Fibres .. .. ..	54	43	117	94
Total, Class VIII.(a) .. ..	85	124	243	230

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*  
(£A.000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued.</i></b>				
(b) <i>Textiles</i> —				
Blankets and Blanketing	..	..	5	6
Piece-goods—				
Cotton ..	..	..	39	39
Rayon ..	..	..	22	16
Woollen ..	..	..	34	48
Other ..	..	..	23	15
Other Textiles ..	..	..	80	196
Total, Class VIII.(b) ..	..	..	203	320
(c) <i>Apparel</i> —				
Footwear ..	..	..	57	15
Costumes, Blouses, Coats, &c. ..	..	..	25	19
Underwear and Sleeping Attire ..	..	..	20	13
Other Apparel ..	..	..	61	44
Total, Class VIII.(c) ..	..	..	163	91
Total, Class VIII. ..	..	..	451	535
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.</b>				
Fats and Waxes, &c.—				
Edible Animal Fats ..	..	..	135	74
Fatty Acids ..	..	..	68	282
Tallow, unrefined ..	..	..	297	734
Other .. ..	..	..	39	51
Oils—				
Petroleum and Shale ..	..	..	546	159
Other .. ..	..	..	622	954
Total, Class IX. ..	..	..	1,707	2,254
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES ..</b>				
	180	212	345	440
<b>CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.</b>				
Coal .. ..	..	..	295	400
Ores and Concentrates—				
Lead and Silver-lead ..	..	..	1,028	1,575
Residues and Wastes ..	..	..	250	129
Titanium and Zirconium ..	..	..	576	485
Tungsten .. ..	..	..	1,161	775
Zinc .. ..	..	..	3,712	905
Other .. ..	..	..	25	374
Other Stones and Minerals ..	..	..	219	390
Total, Class XI. ..	..	..	7,266	5,033
			13,084	8,978

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.</b>				
(a) <i>Metals and Manufactures</i> —				
Builders' and Engineers' Hardware ..	68	113	152	261
Cadmium .. .. ..	1	150	141	316
Iron and Steel .. .. ..	1,931	3,731	2,827	9,649
Lead—				
Bullion and Silver-lead Bullion ..	1,812	1,156	4,622	2,486
Pig .. .. ..	6,047	4,184	11,205	9,900
Other .. .. ..	11	290	17	576
Platinum .. .. ..	2	7	11	9
Tin Ingots .. .. ..	225	17	633	30
Tools of Trade .. .. ..	77	82	161	173
Vehicles and Parts .. .. ..	536	820	1,005	1,484
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc. .. .. ..	1,583	791	4,035	1,714
Other Metals (including Single Strand Wire) .. .. ..	1,082	1,068	1,312	3,701
Other Metal Manufactures .. .. ..	649	827	1,382	1,594
Total, Class XII.(a) .. ..	14,024	13,236	27,503	31,893
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery, Appliances and Equipment</i> —				
Batteries and Accumulators .. ..	76	96	162	204
Communication Equipment .. ..	90	112	286	246
Other Electrical Appliances .. ..	214	278	427	556
Total, Class XII.(b) .. ..	380	486	875	1,006
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (Except Dynamo Electrical)</i> —				
Aircraft Engines and Parts .. ..	355	322	516	558
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c., Machinery .. ..	173	306	555	642
Motive Power Machinery .. ..	229	231	456	658
Refrigerating Appliances .. ..	45	71	134	215
Other Machines and Machinery .. ..	1,028	1,330	2,184	2,554
Total, Class XII.(c) .. ..	1,830	2,260	3,845	4,627
Total, Class XII. .. ..	16,234	15,982	32,223	37,526
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—</b>				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	85	149	188	279
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures</i> —				
Leather—				
Hides—				
Sole .. .. ..	124	224	221	380
Other .. .. ..	364	392	574	740
Sheep and Lamb .. .. ..	56	72	95	165
Other .. .. ..	66	84	113	169
Leather Manufactures .. .. ..	27	23	50	55
Total, Class XIII.(b) .. ..	637	795	1,053	1,509
Total, Class XIII. .. ..	722	944	1,241	1,788

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*  
 (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber .. .. ..	1,161	1,101	2,285	1,966
Wood and Wicker Manufactures .. ..	80	78	175	177
Total, Class XIV. .. ..	1,241	1,179	2,460	2,143
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE .. ..	197	149	346	347
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) Pulp Paper and Board .. ..	105	61	187	172
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery .. ..	391	473	847	934
Total, Class XVI. .. ..	496	534	1,034	1,106
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIALS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Precious Stones, Unset—Pearls, &c. .. ..	108	59	133	99
Sporting Goods .. .. ..	43	48	77	110
Other .. .. ..	45	60	74	115
Total, Class XVII. .. ..	196	167	284	324
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.:				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. .. ..	80	79	165	162
Photographic Goods and Materials .. ..	102	149	218	303
Talking Machines, &c. .. ..	16	14	29	35
Other Instruments, &c. .. ..	91	195	209	366
Total, Class XVIII. .. ..	289	437	621	866
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS.				
Acids .. .. ..	54	20	84	43
Casein .. .. ..	63	149	86	177
Fertilizers .. .. ..	3	2	27	18
Medicines .. .. ..	611	351	1,055	673
Oils, Essential—				
Eucalyptus .. .. ..	67	56	122	92
Other .. .. ..	10	11	20	21
Perfumery, Toilet Preparations and Soap .. ..	187	93	338	250
Salts of Acids .. .. ..	30	30	108	72
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	505	421	1,016	838
Total, Class XIX. .. ..	1,530	1,133	2,856	2,184
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives ..	201	374	427	583
Goods exported per Parcel Post and Airways	148	765	322	1,749
Military, Naval and Air Force Stores and Equipment .. .. ..	1,413	175	2,560	319
Passengers' Personal and Household Effects ..	268	227	552	518
Vessels transferred abroad .. ..	40	39	75	84
All Other Articles .. .. ..	1,721	1,454	4,147	2,462
Total, Class XX. .. ..	3,791	3,034	8,083	5,715
Total, Merchandise .. ..	252,489	250,045	401,407	434,095

Value of Principal Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*  
 (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.</b>				
Bronze Specie .....	6	1	16	2
Gold, including Gold in Matte .....	4,080	2,092	11,076	8,645
Silver, including Silver in Matte .....	704	567	1,307	1,132
Total, Class XXI. ....	4,790	2,660	12,399	9,779
<b>SUMMARY.</b>				
<b>States of Final Shipment—</b>				
New South Wales .....	81,601	80,150	126,234	137,914
Victoria .....	68,119	65,435	106,680	101,598
Queensland .....	45,919	50,736	74,004	101,154
South Australia .....	31,155	29,378	55,986	62,016
Western Australia .....	27,142	25,288	42,090	37,625
Tasmania .....	3,343	1,702	8,781	3,545
Northern Territory .....	..	20	31	22
Australian Produce .....	254,728	250,575	409,258	439,821
Re-exports .....	2,551	2,134	4,548	4,053
Grand Total .....	257,279	252,709	413,806	443,874

**TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.**

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December—	
		1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>					
Butter .....	'000 lb.	50,315	26,083	60,702	36,919
Cheese .....	"	19,270	19,588	24,281	23,455
<b>Processed Milk—</b>					
Condensed .....	"	31,638	23,407	43,317	34,033
Dried .....	"	23,175	20,342	29,096	27,145
Infants' and Invalids' Foods .....	"	2,771	3,266	4,691	6,078
<b>Eggs—</b>					
In Shell .....	'000 doz.	11,988	4,692	18,716	10,948
Not in Shell .....	'000 lb.	13,859	16,332	16,421	18,425
<b>Meats, Poultry and Game—</b>					
Bacon and Hams .....	"	2,205	896	2,379	2,026
<b>Preserved by Cold Process—</b>					
Beef and Veal .....	"	44,978	74,183	67,885	224,564
Lamb .....	"	45,605	26,753	52,831	27,930
Mutton .....	"	16,820	11,612	20,739	21,313
Pork .....	"	1,094	548	1,621	1,672
Poultry .....	'000 prs.	189	63	582	171
Rabbits and Hares .....	"	1,780	1,302	6,363	5,373
Preserved in Airtight Vessels .....	'000 lb.	77,753	37,507	152,260	77,726
Sausage Casings .....	cwt.	8,916	7,079	13,325	12,589

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December—	
		1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.</b>					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants .. .. ..	'000 lb.	205	1,881	8,761	11,629
Raisins .. .. ..	"	3,024	8,102	47,932	65,337
Tree Fruits .. .. ..	"	470	2,205	3,958	3,185
Fresh—					
Apples .. .. ..	bushel	36,482	3,421	1,054,684	159,645
Citrus .. .. ..	"	218,431	263,953	351,283	472,829
Other .. .. ..	"	12,674	1,525	57,193	10,107
Preserved in Liquid .. .. ..	'000 lb.	21,253	17,701	76,179	54,180
Pulpéd .. .. ..	"	1,682	1,277	3,015	3,538
Grain or Cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—Pearl and Scotch .. .. ..	"	81	82	131	132
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. ..	"	380,151	321,746	819,740	814,702
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats .. .. ..	"	5,461	10,682	11,393	27,071
Rice .. .. ..	"	12,580	23,427	24,910	46,191
Unprepared—					
Barley .. .. ..	ton	14,146	22,542	69,898	125,438
Oats .. .. ..	"	34,844	18,262	68,707	35,930
Wheat .. .. ..	"	298,015	207,691	582,377	578,815
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. ..	'000 lb.	3,252	925	7,986	3,332
Sugar (Cane) .. .. ..	ton	167,493	302,050	233,047	496,837
Vegetables Preserved or Pulpéd .. .. ..	'000 lb.	3,065	3,432	4,365	4,935
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.</b>					
Wine .. .. ..	'000 gal.	298	235	639	726
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.</b>					
Hides and Skins—					
Calf, Cattle and Horse .. .. ..	'000 lb.	3,799	6,494	8,256	12,394
Kangaroo and Wallaby .. .. ..	"	269	272	464	425
Rabbit and Hare .. .. ..	"	2,061	1,250	4,317	3,314
Sheep .. .. ..	'000	4,836	3,551	7,872	6,538
Wool—					
Greasy .. .. ..	'000 lb.	357,902	365,306	476,319	515,083
Scoured and Washed, Carbonized, Tops, Noils and Waste .. .. ..	"	28,040	22,920	56,105	48,444
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.</b>					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	4,160	11,418	6,561	23,057
<b>CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.</b>					
Coal .. .. ..	ton	63,662	101,198	105,891	226,838
Ores and Concentrates—					
Lead and Silver-lead .. .. ..	"	15,092	27,556	20,536	43,902
Zinc .. .. ..	"	71,962	79,093	139,229	127,722
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS.</b>					
Lead, Pig .. .. ..	ton	48,639	37,869	82,605	89,000
Zinc, Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .. ..	"	11,152	7,073	24,755	15,799

## PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.					
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)		
QUANTITY. ('000 lb.)								
1938-39 ..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716		
1949-50 ..	177,452	51,404	5,592	182,361	193,092	14,975		
1950-51 ..	120,031	44,790	5,420	158,310	54,108	12,472		
1951-52 ..	25,417	40,316	5,077	95,876	31,153	3,898		
1952-53 ..	111,307	52,397	3,394	192,500	166,844	3,453		
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1952	60,610	24,281	2,379	67,885	73,570	1,621		
Dec., 1953	36,706	23,455	1,943	224,505	49,189	1,672		

Year.	VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)					
	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1949-50 ..	24,670	4,145	738	6,705	7,453	1,068
1950-51 ..	18,469	4,025	822	6,648	2,684	1,051
1951-52 ..	4,593	4,064	934	5,230	1,918	485
1952-53 ..	20,209	5,786	727	13,739	8,761	471
Six months ended—						
Dec., 1952	11,213	2,692	498	4,921	4,348	227
Dec., 1953	6,887	2,517	418	15,182	2,871	267

(a) Preserved by Cold Process.

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured. (a)
QUANTITY.							
1938-39 ..	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	tons.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1938-39 ..	164,213	3,915	81,279	1,690,974	1,450,130	793,384	70,881
1949-50 ..	79,775	8,325	101,167	2,100,699	1,542,218	1,057,653	162,983
1950-51 ..	76,950	24,136	97,662	2,324,516	1,766,020	907,431	127,601
1951-52 ..	84,386	13,701	110,348	1,685,382	1,578,033	823,863	97,775
1952-53 ..	155,472	6,708	142,831	1,593,963	1,737,774	981,493	107,533
Six months ended—							
Dec., 1952 ..	56,693	3,958	76,043	582,377	819,740	476,319	56,088
Dec., 1953 ..	76,934	3,185	54,180	578,815	814,702	515,083	48,429

Year.	VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)					
	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305
1949-50 ..	2,227	597	4,018	62,173	26,333	265,037
1950-51 ..	3,303	1,359	4,966	74,151	32,894	548,891
1951-52 ..	4,608	1,053	6,500	55,287	33,018	278,481
1952-53 ..	7,448	581	9,274	52,267	37,416	356,181
Six months ended—						
Dec., 1952 ..	3,006	308	4,717	18,681	17,146	162,823
Dec., 1953 ..	3,731	349	3,621	19,471	16,918	192,574

(a) Includes Scoured and Washed, Carbonized, Tops, Noils and Waste.

## PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December—							
	1952.		1953.		1952.		1953.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
BUTTER.								
United Kingdom ..	33,236	5,608	21,962	3,864	17,100	1,599	17,228	1,568
Australian Territories ..	226	47	211	45	41	6	86	11
Ceylon ..	778	153	1,047	200	206	34	205	34
Guiana (British) ..	243	53	182	34	4	1	6	1
Hong Kong ..	876	180	1,169	228	511	72	246	33
India ..	206	45	495	117	188	31	400	68
Malaya, Fed. of ..	779	189	455	109	71	12	51	8
Malta ..	422	82	457	72	218	27	311	38
Mauritius ..	186	43	250	62	40	7	77	13
Singapore ..	1,326	285	1,310	250	374	45	365	50
West Africa ..	150	37	147	35	85	14	169	29
West Indies—								
Barbados ..	305	66	105	21	44	6	2	..
Trinidad and Tobago ..	522	104	429	93	96	14	20	3
Windward Is. ..	84	20	64	15	15	2	10	2
Other ..	199	44	34	8	71	11	49	7
Other British Countries ..	675	162	798	175	482	80	442	73
Burma ..	322	81	173	44	15	3	40	8
Egypt ..	936	178	598	114	1,073	124	665	77
France ..	8,971	1,753	5	1	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—								
New Caledonia ..	165	35	178	38	83	14	64	12
Other ..	618	131	87	23	9	1	3	1
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	1,120	212	..	..	..	..	..	..
Israel ..	..	..	2	..	672	113	249	34
Italy ..	4,782	930	..	..	56	6	..	..
Japan ..	1,709	346	941	192	961	164	961	138
Lebanon ..	82	17	35	7	245	41	145	25
Netherlands Antilles ..	300	76	132	34	..	..	1	..
Philippines ..	167	35	219	50	787	131	769	125
U.S.S.R. ..	..	..	4,480	875	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,225	301	741	181	832	134	891	159
New South Wales ..	2,252	446	1,194	247	820	126	271	35
Victoria ..	28,205	5,182	20,596	3,841	14,235	1,735	15,909	1,822
Queensland ..	27,096	5,060	13,598	2,574	3,413	375	1,903	209
South Australia ..	600	104	400	63	5,812	456	5,372	451
Western Australia ..	63	11	50	9	1	..	..	..
Tasmania ..	2,394	410	868	153	..	..	..	..
Total .. ..	60,610	11,213	36,706	6,887	24,281	2,692	23,455	2,517
BACON AND HAMS.								
United Kingdom ..	68	8	129	26	39,547	2,340	203,736	13,322
Bermuda ..	26	5	10	3	926	154	694	104
Ceylon ..	207	38	105	23	495	40	275	25
Hong Kong ..	373	88	193	47	4,635	290	1,980	140
Malta ..	1	..	..	..	2,623	178	865	68
Singapore ..	891	172	729	157	8,702	790	3,946	320
West Indies (British) ..	110	29	126	18	958	100	1,213	134
Other British Countries ..	215	51	228	57	1,691	190	2,659	270
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	..	..	6	2	1,419	276	304	59
Other .. ..	32	7	107	26	270	44	345	52
Egypt ..	399	86	234	43	4,303	319	5,956	432
United States of America ..	..	..	..	..	1,952	134	350	40
Other Foreign Countries ..	48	14	76	16	364	66	2,182	216
New South Wales ..	477	98	503	89	5,336	573	31,713	2,170
Victoria ..	227	45	53	12	1,254	150	4,161	307
Queensland ..	771	180	810	197	52,774	3,693	174,842	11,831
South Australia ..	265	61	83	20	237	13	1,346	79
Western Australia ..	639	114	494	100	8,284	492	12,443	795
Total .. ..	2,379	498	1,943	418	67,885	4,921	224,505	15,182

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b., Port of Shipment.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December—							
	1952.		1953.		1952.		1953.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)								
United Kingdom ..	63,464	3,614	39,800	2,206	324	31	105	6
Canada ..	442	10	658	57	..	..	28	3
Ceylon ..	268	20	357	30	5	1	..	..
Hong Kong ..	1,135	66	201	14	..	..	158	25
Malaya, Fed. of ..	362	19	100	8	41	6	22	4
Singapore ..	996	60	3,217	213	555	80	465	78
West Indies—								
Bahamas ..	134	13	46	5	19	3	..	..
Other ..	34	3	15	2	9	2	3	1
Other British Countries	1,220	105	1,181	95	208	34	252	42
Egypt ..	1,301	68	464	23	322	47	113	19
United States of America ..	3,782	331	371	18	32	4	6	1
Other Foreign Countries	432	39	2,779	200	106	19	520	88
New South Wales ..	10,359	608	12,731	639	119	16	224	36
Victoria ..	43,074	2,506	19,817	1,227	303	44	132	23
Queensland ..	150	6	190	9	822	116	1,232	191
South Australia ..	12,683	847	11,650	660	12	2	8	3
Western Australia ..	7,304	381	5,292	335	365	49	76	14
Tasmania ..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..
Total ..	73,570	4,348	49,189	2,871	1,621	227	1,672	267
DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.								
United Kingdom ..	4,393	194	6,962	272	18,672	834	41,092	1,866
Canada ..	3,365	196	3,269	170	22,025	1,221	16,619	848
New Zealand ..	396	22	801	44	5,491	388	6,369	417
Singapore ..	23	2	46	4	17	2	75	7
Other British Countries	487	29	489	28	1,283	83	955	55
Foreign Countries ..	96	5	62	4	445	30	195	16
New South Wales ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria ..	2,240	97	5,698	242	44,747	2,331	52,585	2,480
Queensland ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	5	1
South Australia ..	4,673	268	4,549	219	3,172	226	12,709	724
Western Australia ..	1,847	83	1,381	61	8	1	53	4
Total ..	8,760	448	11,629	522	47,933	2,558	65,305	3,209

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. Port of Shipment.

## Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December—							
	1952.		1953.		1952.		1953.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
DRIED TREE FRUITS.								
United Kingdom . .	2,773	181	1,938	212	64,137	3,873	41,852	2,770
Canada . .	..	..	2	..	617	50	883	68
Ireland, Republic of . .	..	..	..	..	1,137	79	575	45
New Zealand . .	426	44	575	47	3,041	202	4,388	302
Singapore . .	5	1	106	15	144	10	243	16
Other British Countries . .	154	20	276	36	3,323	238	1,985	143
Egypt . .	6	1	188	26	1,347	92	949	60
Germany, Fed. Rep. of . .	336	35	64	7	455	35	1,095	71
Other Foreign Countries . .	258	26	36	6	1,842	138	2,215	146
New South Wales . .	2,074	154	2,028	229	8,493	507	5,460	356
Victoria . .	186	14	261	33	62,596	3,826	38,123	2,478
Queensland . .	3	1	4	1	2,494	211	9,216	707
South Australia . .	1,126	79	809	77	1,340	89	1,036	64
Western Australia . .	..	..	..	..	17	1	19	2
Tasmania . .	569	60	83	9	1,103	83	326	14
Total . .	3,958	308	3,185	349	76,043	4,717	54,180	3,621
	Ton.	£A'000	Ton.	£A'000	'000 lb.	£A'000	'000 lb.	£A'000
WHEAT.								
United Kingdom . .	234,822	8,970	192,223	6,123	145,949	2,857	104,767	2,018
Aden . .	..	..	..	..	13,440	291	12,404	249
Borneo (British) . .	..	..	18	1	4,535	103	10,714	233
Ceylon . .	100	4	..	..	199,508	4,212	182,961	3,858
Cyprus . .	27,325	951	9,284	314	..	..	12,945	255
Hong Kong . .	..	80	4	218	15,732	341	..	..
India . .	35,892	1,145	126,257	4,016	61,129	1,213	39,596	762
Ireland, Republic of . .	43,278	1,336	9,480	314	63,759	1,339	85,240	1,733
Malaya, Fed. of . .	4,145	188	4,218	160	..	..	..	..
Malta . .	9,467	300	301	10	30,872	613	38,046	779
Mauritius . .	..	..	..	..	241	5	117	2
New Zealand . .	76,496	2,541	104,225	3,649	..	..	..	..
Pacific Islands . .	..	..	..	..	15,326	354	10,956	229
Fiji . .	14	1	10	..	4,585	102	3,949	77
Other . .	21	1	40	2	..	..	..	..
Pakistan . .	..	..	34,134	1,479	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia, Northern . .	5,605	195	8,196	306	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia, Southern . .	21,180	737	27,066	1,016	..	..	..	..
Singapore . .	1,443	66	1,836	73	73,237	1,586	63,872	1,361
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian . .	..	..	..	..	22,400	444	3,526	73
Other British Countries . .	59	2	599	21	9,456	206	10,837	224
Arabian States . .	55	3	1,326	48	2,339	51	6,690	136
Burma . .	..	..	2,640	103	5,420	137	24,742	534
Egypt . .	..	..	..	..	36,795	768	21,811	404
French Possessions . .	100	5	211	9	11,759	299	15,012	343
Germany, Fed. Rep. of . .	9,320	290	17,676	562	..	..	..	..
Indonesia . .	..	14	1	7	88,095	1,896	151,693	3,329
Italy . .	9,423	292	9,566	324	100	2	784	17
Japan . .	31,276	963	..	..	3,884	78	2,117	42
Libya . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,544	31
Netherlands . .	17,883	551	9,208	284	5,516	110	..	..
Norway . .	4,374	135	..	..	..	..	..	..
Persia . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	1
Portuguese Possessions . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India . .	..	..	299	11	53	1	1,131	23
Mozambique . .	..	..	3,786	135	110	2	134	3
Other . .	..	..	..	..	452	10	465	8
Sweden . .	..	..	15,931	500	..	..	..	..
Thailand . .	..	..	55	2	4,860	121	8,366	191
Other Foreign Countries . .	5	..	5	..	188	5	230	5
New South Wales . .	186	7	130,091	4,134	90,173	2,027	259,375	5,435
Victoria . .	133,768	4,203	88,721	2,869	379,115	7,939	299,584	6,278
Queensland . .	5	..	33,336	1,051	1,662	35	5,226	112
South Australia . .	127,782	4,474	231,080	8,348	146,393	2,913	83,752	1,667
Western Australia . .	320,636	9,997	95,587	3,069	202,397	4,232	166,765	3,426
Tasmania . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total . .	582,377	18,681	578,815	19,471	819,740	17,146	814,702	16,918

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. Port of Shipment.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December—							
	1952.		1953.		1952.		1953.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000	'000 lb.	£A'000	'000 lb.	£A'000	'000 lb.	£A'000
WOOL—GREASY.								
United Kingdom ..	179,083	60,908	151,816	55,687	17,743	7,318	14,118	6,570
Canada ..	389	128	232	89	3,337	1,330	1,728	859
Hong Kong ..	..	..	22	84	327	157	289	248
India ..	83	..	296	..	182	76	334	215
Ireland, Republic of ..	736	272	1,762	700	33	15	89	43
New Zealand ..	..	..	153	70	72	18	225	158
South Africa, Union of ..	851	284	2,655	901	99	35	597	282
Other British Countries	18	6	..	..	..	..	67	30
Austria ..	574	224	786	341	13	6	..	..
Belgium ..	35,836	9,753	47,120	13,888	2,746	993	3,796	1,623
Brazil ..	613	307	..	..	209	115	2,179	1,648
China ..	..	..	50	36	..	..	..	..
Czechoslovakia ..	1,169	507	5,423	2,545	505	209	560	245
Denmark ..	8	2	195	92	125	98	529	409
Egypt ..	67	27	23	7	3,421	1,464	4,101	1,995
France ..	76,855	24,599	93,715	32,715	2,117	869	2,494	1,218
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	22,906	8,414	27,100	10,221	1,042	509	317	162
Greece ..	194	46	5	3	7,039	1,570	2,977	1,278
Italy ..	44,208	15,440	63,469	24,528	6,902	3,878	6,692	4,061
Japan ..	67,621	25,270	42,268	17,493	..	..	23	14
Mexico ..	813	286	2,160	930	695	268	514	236
Netherlands ..	589	191	2,266	873	50	25	48	25
Norway ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poland ..	4,344	1,663	7,682	3,141	..	..	..	..
Spain ..	430	168	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	813	307	391	153	581	220	527	238
Switzerland ..	1,193	496	2,172	778	141	70	145	71
Turkey ..	2,260	956	3,699	1,620	426	274	471	286
United States of America ..	32,950	11,993	29,483	12,117	7,200	2,502	4,863	2,062
U.S.S.R. ..	..	..	26,931	12,283	..	..	..	..
Yugoslavia ..	1,020	324	821	340	..	..	..	..
Other, Foreign Countries ..	606	230	2,410	939	1,083	589	746	394
Total ..	476,319	162,823	515,083	192,574	56,088	22,608	48,429	24,340
New South Wales ..	179,700	64,036	179,982	66,401	13,694	5,103	13,125	6,585
Victoria ..	112,245	36,560	117,143	44,454	18,594	6,451	16,219	7,175
Queensland ..	74,255	27,595	100,042	39,785	5,110	2,431	5,958	3,387
South Australia ..	57,638	17,819	64,418	22,317	7,477	2,862	4,859	2,382
Western Australia ..	51,219	16,449	52,775	19,344	6,341	2,625	5,153	2,512
Tasmania ..	1,262	364	723	273	167	62	5	1
Total ..	476,319	162,823	515,083	192,574	a51,383	a19,534	a45,319	a21,992

(a) Excludes exports of Wool Tops. State details not available for publication.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. Port of Shipment.

## Section V.—Retail Sales.

NOTE.—For an indication of fluctuations in the value of *Wholesale Trade* to September, 1953, see table entitled "Commonwealth Sales Tax," page 58.

## TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES.(a)

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards), and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

The figures shown for 1948-49 were obtained by a census of retail establishments throughout Australia; figures for subsequent periods were obtained by means of a representative sample of establishments which account for approximately 40 per cent. of retail sales in Australia. The estimated totals have been calculated by methods appropriate to a stratified sample.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1948-49.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	Six months ended December.	
					1952.	1953.

## STATES.

New South Wales .. ..	458.2	668.9	754.7	761.3	389.1	420.4
Victoria .. ..	320.1	475.4	540.8	545.4	276.5	300.2
Queensland .. ..	154.2	226.1	256.1	268.4	135.2	149.9
South Australia .. ..	97.9	148.6	175.3	176.7	88.1	98.8
Western Australia .. ..	79.3	118.6	141.1	146.2	73.7	81.5
Tasmania .. ..	35.4	51.7	61.8	64.1	32.6	36.0
Total .. ..	1,145.1	1,689.3	1,929.8	1,962.1	995.2	1,086.8

## COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries .. ..	143.4	184.7	229.7	257.4	129.8	138.0
Butchers' Meat .. ..	65.3	89.1	113.2	120.1	60.3	62.6
Other Food(b) .. ..	116.6	155.8	188.5	207.7	103.1	111.2
Total Foodstuffs .. ..	325.3	429.6	531.4	585.2	293.2	311.8
Beer, Wine and Spirits .. ..	95.3	121.8	150.8	169.1	84.4	91.5
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear .. ..	237.8	322.8	342.7	343.4	175.5	192.3
Hardware, China and Glassware .. ..	72.5	110.2	128.0	128.5	65.4	72.4
Electrical Goods and Radios .. ..	33.8	58.2	66.1	61.8	32.4	38.9
Furniture and Floor Coverings .. ..	46.4	74.4	72.3	68.2	35.0	39.4
Other Goods(c) .. ..	167.9	237.6	281.0	280.8	146.8	154.7
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.) .. ..	979.0	1,354.6	1,572.3	1,637.0	832.7	901.0
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. .. ..	166.1	334.7	357.5	325.1	162.5	185.8
Total .. ..	1,145.1	1,689.3	1,929.8	1,962.1	995.2	1,086.8

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, &c., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, &c.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.**

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods at retail but do not retail goods themselves. The statistics do not include hire purchase agreements directly made between retailer and customer, whether subsequently assigned to finance companies or not.

**Balances Outstanding at End of Each Quarter.**
**(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)**
**(£'000.)**

As at—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
31st March, 1953	33,017	19,237	14,788	7,116	5,917	2,751	82,826
30th June, 1953..	33,267	19,677	15,431	7,365	6,178	2,897	84,815
30th September, 1953	35,690	21,214	16,442	8,099	6,791	3,199	91,435
31st December, 1953	41,175	24,331	18,577	9,441	7,787	3,595	104,906

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

**Agreements Made During Quarter Ended 31st December, 1953 : States.**

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.

**MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSINESS EQUIPMENT.**

Number of Agreements ..	20,012	12,901	10,304	6,594	4,232	2,200	56,243
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	14,592	9,242	6,518	4,209	3,092	1,507	39,160
Amount Financed(d) £'000	7,881	4,995	3,585	2,190	1,649	775	21,075

**HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.**

Number of Agreements ..	52,412	33,489	28,879	10,426	8,497	3,693	137,396
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	4,471	2,588	1,968	901	760	297	10,985
Amount Financed(d) £'000	3,559	1,981	1,478	718	598	234	8,568

**TOTAL (ALL GOODS).**

Number of Agreements ..	72,424	46,390	39,183	17,020	12,729	5,893	193,639
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	19,063	11,830	8,486	5,110	3,852	1,804	50,145
Amount Financed(d) £'000	11,440	6,976	5,063	2,908	2,247	1,009	29,643

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales : Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—*continued.*

Agreements Made During Each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agree- ments.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Pro- portion of Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%

MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSINESS EQUIPMENT.

Quarter ended—						
March, 1953	..	40,956	26,925	657	14,963	365
June, 1953	..	40,890	29,078	711	15,628	382
September, 1953	..	47,722	34,082	714	18,132	380
December, 1953	..	56,243	39,160	696	21,075	375
Year 1953	..	185,811	129,245	696	69,798	376
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HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Quarter ended—						
March, 1953	..	101,516	7,474	74	5,591	55
June, 1953	..	92,747	5,998	65	4,579	49
September, 1953	..	108,865	7,505	69	5,809	53
December, 1953	..	137,396	10,985	80	8,568	62
Year 1953	..	440,524	31,962	73	24,547	56
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TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Quarter ended—						
March, 1953	..	142,472	34,399	241	20,554	144
June, 1953	..	133,637	35,076	262	20,207	151
September, 1953	..	156,587	41,587	266	23,941	153
December, 1953	..	193,639	50,145	259	29,643	153
Year 1953	..	626,335	161,207	257	94,345	151
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(a) Value at net cash or list price (*excluding* hiring charges and insurance). (b) *Excludes* hiring charges and insurance.

## Section VI.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.  
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	Six months ended December—	
				1952.	1953.
<b>TAXATION—</b>					
Customs .....	31,161	113,936	70,720	34,099	45,868
Excise .....	16,472	99,981	113,104	55,798	62,377
Sales Tax .....	9,308	95,459	89,067	43,550	47,237
Flour Tax (a) .....	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax .....	1,489	6,199	1,250	878	161
Income Taxes(b) .....	11,883	545,179	556,960	198,755	164,350
Wool Deduction .....	..	5,963	-2,223	-1,625	-117
Pay-roll Tax .....	..	37,170	40,171	19,744	20,630
Estate Duty .....	1,915	7,778	8,393	4,037	5,116
Gift Duty .....	..	1,202	1,162	553	628
Entertainments Tax .....	..	6,161	6,708	3,141	1,973
Wool Tax(a) .....	..	..	675	259	389
Wool Contributory Charge(a) .....	(e) 74	2,230	28	28	..
Wheat Export Charge(a) .....	..	12,202	8,139	4,586	..
Other Export Charges (a) (d) .....	..	..	166	91	80
Stevedoring Industry Charge(a) .....	..	551	1,144	379	852
Total, Taxation .....	74,111	934,011	895,464	364,273	349,544
<b>BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—</b>					
Postmaster-General's Department .....	17,866	59,371	64,398	32,467	33,901
<b>Railways—</b>					
Trans-Australia .....	331	1,479	1,372	650	818
Central Australia .....	138	1,241	1,290	668	713
North Australia .....	50	49	42	20	35
Australian Capital Territory .....	7	10	25	9	9
Total, Railways .....	526	2,779	2,729	1,347	1,575
Broadcasting Services .....	(e)	2,805	3,806	2,095	2,043
Total, Business Undertakings .....	17,892	64,955	70,933	35,909	37,519
<b>TERRITORIES (f)</b>					
356	1,558	1,779	818	1,060	..
<b>OTHER REVENUE—</b>					
Coinage .....	128	895	310	..	..
Defence .....	151	499	2,188	955	1,216
Atomic Energy Commission .....	..	..	1,174	..	1,060
Civil Aviation .....	6	3,247	3,501	234	789
Health .....	18	51	43	22	26
Attorney-General .....	111	238	287	145	153
Commerce and Agriculture .....	6	34	121	96	26
Shipping and Transport .....	152	260	255	142	153
Net Profit on Note Issue .....	767	3,381	4,861	2,561	3,173
Other .....	1,367	(g) 7,699	(h) 59,151	(i) 7,399	12,061
Total .....	2,706	16,304	71,891	11,554	18,657
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	95,065	1,016,828	1,040,067	412,554	406,780
<b>PER HEAD OF POPULATION—</b>					
Taxation .....	10 13 9	109 7 6	102 7 5	41 17 4	39 8 5
Business Undertakings .....	2 11 7	7 12 2	8 2 2	4 2 7	4 4 8
Other .....	0 8 10	2 1 10	8 8 5	1 8 5	2 4 6
Total .....	13 14 2	119 1 6	118 18 0	47 8 4	45 17 7

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53, treated as refunds of revenue and not brought to account. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (g) Includes sale of shares in Amalgamated Wireless (A/sia) Ltd., £1,902,000. (h) Includes sale of shares in Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd., £2,762,000, sale of stocks—Jute and Jute products and Nitrogenous Fertilizer, £2,099,000 and Wool Disposals Profits, £42,361,000. (i) Includes sale of shares in Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd., £2,762,000.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates an excess of refunds or transfers from one head of receipts to another.

## COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	Six months ended December—	
				1952.	1953.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services . . .	5,466	(a) 166,106	71,212	34,571	29,722
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments, n.e.i. b	3,835	4,050	4,868	3,689	4,677
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. . . .	634	73,760	65,386	28,717	28,570
National Welfare Fund and Social Services (c)	16,429	171,709	165,511	80,971	85,250
Subsidies and Bounties . . . .	236	31,341	25,332	12,932	9,673
Defence Services (d) . . . .	8,855	169,495	215,292	92,459	77,045
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (b)	9,665	58,904	(e) 64,610	29,611	29,452
War Pensions . . . .	8,227	33,566	36,577	17,823	19,096
Other Services . . . .	1,365	13,461	16,694	12,272	10,581
Total, War and Repatriation Services	19,257	105,931	117,881	59,706	59,129
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (b)	2,887	3,695	3,720	2,196	1,781
Capital Works and Services . . . .	3,851	28,818	28,427	12,873	11,545
Other . . . .	11,991	60,596	66,197	31,218	31,495
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	93,109	98,344	46,287	44,821
Railways—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (b)	525	555	561	422	282
Capital Works and Services . . . .	142	2,638	4,746	2,117	1,410
Other . . . .	826	3,470	3,382	1,634	1,786
Total, Railways . . . .	1,493	6,663	8,689	4,173	3,478
Broadcasting Services—					
Capital Works and Services . . . .	..	251	202	148	126
Other . . . .	..	4,135	4,556	2,135	2,239
Total, Broadcasting Services	..	(f)	4,386	4,758	2,283
Total, Business Undertakings	..	20,222	104,158	111,791	52,743
Territories (g)—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (b)	375	329	332	274	167
Capital Works and Services . . . .	739	5,153	4,821	2,294	2,445
Other—					
Northern Territory . . . .	323	1,973	2,355	1,087	1,158
Australian Capital Territory . . . .	349	1,904	2,205	891	1,025
Papua-New Guinea . . . .	48	5,525	4,882	2,095	2,615
Norfolk Island . . . .	5	15	40	8	10
Total, Territories . . . .	1,839	14,899	14,635	6,649	7,420
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts (h) . . . .	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,792	3,792
Sinking Fund on States' Debts . . . .	1,478	2,557	3,011	1,368	1,704
Special Grants . . . .	2,020	10,522	15,934	7,759	7,750
Grants for Road Construction, &c., purposes . . . .	4,266	15,247	15,707	7,648	8,770
Tax Reimbursement Grants . . . .	..	86,268	108,623	43,420	48,148
States Grants—Special Assistance . . . .	..	33,577	27,146	10,860	8,766
Other . . . .	300	5,191	4,885	2,195	1,772
Total payments to or for the States	15,649	160,947	182,891	77,042	80,702
Self-balancing items . . . .	2,015	14,432	(i) 51,868	4,705	2,381
GRAND TOTAL . . . .	94,437	1,016,828	j) 1,026,667	454,184	435,233
PER HEAD OF POPULATION . . . .	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	13 12 5	119 1 6	117 7 6	52 4 1	49 1 8

(a) Includes £98,500,000 Special Appropriation to National Debt Sinking Fund, which represents the surplus for 1951-52. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) For expenditure on Social Services, see page 64. (d) Expenditure on the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army Air, Supply and Defence Production. Includes Capital Works and Services. (e) Includes £6,208,000 redemption War Savings Certificates. (f) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (g) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (h) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debts (recoverable from States). (i) Includes transfers to Wool Disposals Profits Fund, £42,361,000 and Atomic Energy Trust Account, £1,174,000. (j) Excludes transfer of Surplus Revenue, £13,400,000 to War Pensions Fund.

## COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	Total to 30th June, 1953.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	25,483	28,773	5,120	5,684	1,624,490
<b>Works and Services—</b>						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	Cr. 12	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	Cr. 8	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	40,528
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	Cr. 7	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 3	13,751
Territories(b)	..	Cr. 7	Cr. 16	Cr. 1	Cr. 9	8,736
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
<b>Assistance to States—</b>						
Housing	..	17,215	21,640	26,547	30,000	141,009
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
<b>Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &amp;c.</b>	3,594	17,199	21,610	26,542	29,986	251,266
International Bank Dollar Loan(c)	..	..	4,044	23,831	17,935	45,810
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	..	3,594	42,682	54,427	55,493	53,605
						2,294,556

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Repayments paid to National Debt Sinking Fund.

## PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			
			Commonwealth.		States.	Rates of Interest.
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.		
1947—October	£'000. 48,030	95,327	£'000. 21,611	£'000. 13,012	£'000. 26,600	% 3½ 1956-1959
1948—April	35,000	87,234	6,621	7,645	29,028	,, 1957-1960
September	15,000	84,472	52	..	15,000	1962
1949—March	43,239	54,860	5,539	32,140	24,145	2, 3½ 1952, 1960-63
September	25,912	63,504	..	..	45,167	,, 1953, 1960-63
1950—March	40,875	46,066	11,887	17,215	31,576	,, 1953, 1961-64
August	12,911	46,302	1,301	..	47,000	,,
November	21,253	32,160	..	..	30,000	,,
1951—May	40,000	46,192	328	..	48,938	,, 1954, (b) 1962-65
August	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3½ 1954, 1962-65
November	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	,,
1952—March	30,533	19,449	..	1,786	15,862	,, 1955, 1962-65
November	20,000	26,925	..	2,461	17,810	4½ 1961
1953—March	29,789	20,841	..	3,688	28,331	3, 4½ (c) 1955, 1962
September	50,000	30,977	..	6,832	59,468	3, 4½ 1955, 1966
1954—March	35,000	24,975	..	..	52,000	3, 4½ (d) 1957, 1967

(a) Excludes Redemption and Conversion Loans.  
£99 10s. (d) Price of Issue: £98 10s.

(b) Price of Issue: £99.

(c) Price of Issue:

## COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1953, see page 63.

**COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,  
1951-52.(a)**

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Taxpayers.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
		Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£      £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 150 ..	114,233	13,196	1,245	14,441	128
151- 200 ..	151,901	23,540	2,071	25,611	389
201- 250 ..	169,460	33,612	2,394	36,006	831
251- 300 ..	181,602	43,762	2,515	46,277	1,451
301- 350 ..	203,908	58,301	2,586	60,887	2,447
351- 400 ..	208,488	67,526	2,550	70,076	3,331
401- 450 ..	202,459	71,031	2,507	73,538	3,896
451- 500 ..	238,096	89,053	2,545	91,598	5,280
501- 550 ..	280,841	112,366	2,551	114,917	7,104
551- 600 ..	272,962	117,414	2,516	119,930	7,904
601- 650 ..	236,003	109,375	2,436	111,811	7,993
651- 700 ..	191,285	94,786	2,313	97,099	7,413
701- 800 ..	262,954	143,814	4,175	147,989	12,398
801- 900 ..	145,231	89,519	3,668	93,187	8,721
901- 1,000 ..	83,028	57,687	3,209	60,896	6,340
1,001- 1,250 ..	101,209	83,475	6,411	89,886	10,921
1,251- 1,500 ..	48,123	49,765	5,094	54,859	7,823
1,501- 2,000 ..	49,840	66,899	7,611	74,510	12,618
2,001- 3,000 ..	47,681	94,960	9,712	104,672	22,152
3,001- 4,000 ..	24,374	71,130	6,590	77,720	19,662
4,001- 5,000 ..	14,102	54,104	4,632	58,736	17,761
5,001-10,000 ..	23,366	138,917	10,344	149,261	66,729
10,001-15,000 ..	4,917	52,446	4,033	56,479	33,056
15,001 and over ..	3,952	89,638	7,969	97,607	65,359
Total Residents ..	3,260,015	1,826,316	101,677	1,927,993	331,707
Central Office ..	12,679	35,530	10,615	46,145	23,733
New South Wales ..	1,240,368	685,888	33,382	719,270	117,492
Victoria ..	944,799	518,273	30,829	549,102	82,377
Queensland ..	438,602	229,543	9,499	239,042	45,110
South Australia ..	293,008	169,984	9,334	179,318	29,896
Western Australia ..	211,476	128,663	5,498	134,161	25,038
Tasmania ..	101,918	48,277	2,325	50,602	6,470
Northern Territory ..	4,521	2,322	40	2,362	243
Australian Capital Territory ..	12,644	7,836	155	7,991	1,348
Total Residents ..	3,260,015	1,826,316	101,677	1,927,993	331,707
Total Non-Residents ..	3,358	1,469	2,167	3,636	1,249
GRAND TOTAL INDIVIDUALS ..	3,263,373	1,827,785	103,844	1,931,629	332,956
Companies (b) ..	24,602	..	..	420,755	(c) 167,381

(a) Assessed on income for year 1950-51. (b) Preliminary, subject to revision. (c) Includes Undistributed Profits Tax.

## COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1951-52.

Grade of Dutiable Value.		Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000	..	4,959	10,739	2,171	65
1,001- 2,000	..	2,527	8,384	3,711	112
2,001- 3,000	..	1,694	7,508	4,216	127
3,001- 4,000	..	1,210	6,616	4,190	125
4,001- 5,000	..	872	5,750	3,957	121
5,001-10,000	..	2,196	20,296	15,599	471
10,001-20,000	..	1,686	28,171	23,981	1,062
20,001-50,000	..	985	33,201	27,420	2,251
50,001 and over	..	210	23,408	18,073	3,464
Total	..	16,289	144,073	103,318	7,798

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1951-52.

## COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold at wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. However, the returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish a return. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

## Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.(a)										Sales Tax Payable.
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.	Total.	
1938-39 ..	477,147	196,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,491	9,363
1948-49 ..	1,120,545	..	350,622	..	..	..	12,542	..	..	..	363,164	38,197
1949-50 ..	1,321,826	376,453	68,577	..	..	..	10,221	..	..	..	455,254	40,789
1950-51 ..	1,686,233	463,975	49,463	..	..	..	11,325	22,584	..	..	547,347	53,984
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
Quarter— 1952—												
Sept ..	450,402	..	..	93,784	..	25,840	134	5,821	1,581	369	127,529	19,901
Dec ..	482,790	..	..	107,482	..	33,884	..	6,931	2,021	..	150,318	23,533
1953—												
Mar ..	458,357	..	..	98,042	..	29,580	..	5,106	1,534	..	134,262	20,640
June ..	506,120	..	..	104,372	..	32,109	..	5,142	1,658	..	143,281	22,011
Sept ..	519,830	..	..	109,599	16,473	24,265	..	3,007	802	..	154,146	22,702
Month— 1953—												
July ..	169,288	..	..	35,760	..	11,868	..	1,521	456	..	49,605	7,579
Aug ..	161,570	..	..	33,147	..	9,454	..	1,196	279	..	44,076	6,572
Sept ..	188,972	..	..	40,692	16,473	2,943	..	290	67	..	60,465	8,551

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938, and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent. which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board— included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1952-53 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £800,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £1,940,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £183,648,000 and from the Expenditure total of £188,077,000. In addition, £4,526,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although cash assistance to Business Undertakings was granted from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952-53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £800,000; Victoria—Railways £1,798,000; and South Australia—Railways £4,850,000.

STATE REVENUES.  
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (b)	Total.
1952-53.							
Taxation (c) .. ..	17,801	14,364	7,451	4,992	(d) 2,693	3,088	50,389
Railways .. ..	72,676	31,666	24,868	11,616	7,934	..	148,760
Tramways and Omnibuses .. ..	11,526	(e) 147	..	..	1,046	..	12,719
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings .. ..	2,021	5,082	..	3,750	2,495	4	13,302
Land .. ..	5,158	2,663	3,420	302	756	351	12,659
Interest n.e.l. .. ..	900	2,641	1,332	2,253	1,041	1,472	9,639
Commonwealth Payments (f) .. ..	57,268	35,548	22,980	18,746	19,451	6,350	160,343
All other Sources .. ..	13,558	4,934	3,111	2,592	3,309	796	28,300
Total Revenue 1952-53 .. ..	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	12,061	436,111
Total Revenue per head ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1951-52 .. ..	52 17 11	41 1 2	50 11 8	59 0 10	63 4 0	39 0 10	50 2 3
1950-51 .. ..	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955	(b) 10,469	386,521
1949-50 .. ..	128,298	63,546	44,723	31,072	28,974	(b) 7,819	304,432
1948-49 .. ..	106,504	55,557	37,119	26,360	26,018	(b) 7,077	258,635
1938-39 .. ..	96,082	46,842	32,979	21,845	20,561	(b) 5,740	224,049
1938-39 .. ..	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES.  
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (b)	Total.
1952-53.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt .. ..	18,622	12,298	8,077	7,043	5,728	2,681	54,449
Railways .. ..	63,232	33,122	27,171	14,562	12,803	..	150,890
Tramways and Omnibuses .. ..	13,818	..	..	..	1,155	..	14,973
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings .. ..	1,468	4,025	..	3,184	3,133	(g) 901	12,711
Education .. ..	25,610	15,987	7,221	5,316	5,063	2,561	61,758
Hospitals .. ..	16,485	10,570	6,544	3,336	2,971	1,415	41,321
Other Charities .. ..	2,967	2,417	1,784	547	848	368	8,931
All other Expenditure .. ..	38,609	18,941	12,183	10,238	(h) 7,532	3,837	91,340
Total Expenditure 1952-53 .. ..	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	11,763	436,373
Total Expenditure per head ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1951-52 .. ..	52 17 4	41 4 3	50 8 8	59 0 2	64 0 7	38 1 6	50 2 10
1950-51 .. ..	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,689
1949-50 .. ..	128,265	63,889	44,625	30,842	28,814	(b) 8,066	304,501
1948-49 .. ..	107,681	55,816	37,090	26,550	25,994	(b) 7,344	260,475
1938-39 .. ..	95,918	48,225	32,929	22,130	21,378	(b) 5,845	226,425
1938-39 .. ..	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of assessed grant for 1950-51—South Australia Dr. £257,000, Western Australia Dr. £159,000. (b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission. (c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1952-53, see p. 62. (d) Gross collections. (e) Contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (f) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1950-51 surplus, Cr. £159,000.

**STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1952-53.**  
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
<b>Works—</b>							
Railways	17,947	7,093	7,715	2,685	6,575	1,372	43,387
Tramways and Omnibuses	1,977	72	499	400	191	..	2,568
Roads and Bridges	..	1,160	..	344	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	..	1,243	317	303	864	1,211	461
Water Supply and Sew- erage	..	1,188	6,938	2,017	3,561	2,127	16,310
Electricity Supply	14,683	7,000	..	4,150	90	8,323	34,246
Public Buildings	8,435	7,713	1,226	2,149	2,716	1,032	23,271
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 30	Cr. 9	..	..	..	..	Cr. 39
Housing	..	Cr. 907	Cr. 563	1,182	4,273	2,094	6,745
Other(b)	..	520	716	3,010	94	199	189
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	1,484	3,153	754	Cr. 180	Cr. 9	Cr. 4	5,198
Water Conservation, Irri- gation and Drainage	..	..	695	581	301	..	5,396
Other	3,819	1,116	2,104	2,551	471	141	7,076
Other purposes	..	..	3,552	Cr. 123	509	1,640	163
Total Works, &c.	51,547	37,763	19,382	21,981	17,606	12,822	161,101
Per Head	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
15 1 5	15 19 8	15 10 5	29 6 7	28 14 8	41 10 1	18 10 3	
<b>Non-Works—</b>							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	..	2,400	..	..	..	247	2,647
Other (d)	..	596	110	150	9	36	901
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>52,143</b>	<b>40,273</b>	<b>19,532</b>	<b>21,990</b>	<b>17,642</b>	<b>13,069</b>
							<b>164,649</b>

**TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1953.**  
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
<b>Works—</b>							
Railways	224,097	109,758	92,700	49,443	44,643	13,576	534,217
Tramways and Omnibuses	17,281	..	..	5,841	2,124	..	25,246
Roads and Bridges	21,277	16,643	10,963	4,706	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	..	29,177	2,380	4,096	11,569	11,594	9,607
Water Supply and Sew- erage	..	44,111	67,407	5,461	39,638	23,035	180,696
Electricity Supply	58,003	35,089	..	21,650	18,074	35,631	183,447
Public Buildings	51,214	38,044	17,933	11,076	10,458	7,300	186,025
Unemployment Relief	16,053	13,147	..	..	..	331	29,531
Housing	..	8,201	9,773	6,811	27,076	3,150	8,231
Other (b)	..	13,485	5,137	35,491	2,433	2,602	3,783
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	34,175	78,566	9,465	9,359	13,152	2,364	147,081
Water Conservation, Irri- gation and Drainage	..	37,404	..	5,294	10,981	6,178	59,857
Other	..	14,412	16,968	19,804	8,294	16,505	2,084
Other purposes	..	89	14,424	..	4,068	13,269	2,456
Total Works	..	568,979	407,336	208,018	206,134	162,967	86,407
<b>Non-Works—</b>							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,730	12,115	2,625	83,699
Other (d)	..	27,185	10,065	15,908	3,286	5,996	2,050
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>635,112</b>	<b>432,856</b>	<b>229,842</b>	<b>218,150</b>	<b>181,078</b>	<b>91,082</b>
							<b>1,788,120</b>

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure.

**STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1953.**

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
New South Wales	435,578	122,658	10,687	568,923	13,277	3,905	360	17,542
Victoria	290,072	45,024	4,424	339,520	9,060	1,456	180	10,696
Queensland	155,451	44,117	4,687	204,255	4,880	1,464	171	6,515
South Australia	157,333	34,697	1,720	193,750	4,844	1,078	70	5,992
Western Australia	115,093	35,970	2,009	153,072	3,559	1,105	92	4,756
Tasmania	76,877	7,027	224	84,128	2,408	223	8	2,639
Total	1,230,404	289,493	23,751	1,543,648	38,028	9,231	881	48,140

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
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SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1952.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	23,010	14,462	9,228	8,033	8,520	2,719	65,972	..	..
Taxation ..	8,332	6,222	3,656	2,005	1,201	1,419	22,835	364,273	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	36,625	14,198	13,124	5,761	3,184	..	72,892	1,347	..
Other ..	6,995	226	..	2,035	1,780	..	11,036	34,562	..
Other ..	9,500	4,338	3,611	1,888	2,058	1,112	22,507	12,372	..
Total ..	84,462	39,446	29,619	19,722	16,743	5,250	195,242	412,554	538,933
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77,042	..
Debt Services ..	9,409	6,104	3,754	3,399	2,940	1,290	26,806	36,192	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	35,263	17,687	13,775	7,657	5,624	(e) 549	80,555	1,634	..
Other ..	7,760	397	..	1,556	1,689	..	11,402	33,353	..
Other ..	36,155	23,411	13,845	8,542	8,541	4,056	94,550	305,963	..
Total ..	88,587	47,599	31,374	21,154	18,794	5,895	218,403	454,184	598,724
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..	-4,125	-8,153	-1,755	-1,432	-2,051	-645	-18,161	-41,630	-59,791

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1953.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	23,953	15,049	9,614	8,204	8,897	2,740	68,457	..	..
Taxation ..	9,271	6,706	3,903	2,430	1,377	1,609	25,305	349,544	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	36,733	16,763	15,622	6,471	5,197	..	80,786	1,575	..
Other ..	6,805	291	..	2,107	1,996	..	11,199	35,944	..
Other ..	8,620	4,625	3,884	2,048	2,297	1,249	22,723	19,717	..
Total ..	85,382	43,434	33,023	21,269	19,764	5,598	208,470	406,780	544,110
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80,702	..
Debt Services ..	9,474	6,908	4,205	3,882	3,202	1,572	29,243	36,359	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	33,041	17,050	14,475	7,290	7,145	(e) 550	79,551	1,786	..
Other ..	7,450	434	..	1,659	1,610	..	11,153	33,734	..
Other ..	37,992	24,935	14,519	9,356	9,746	4,074	100,622	282,652	..
Total ..	87,557	49,827	33,199	22,187	21,703	6,196	220,569	435,233	584,662
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..	-2,575	-5,893	-176	-918	-1,039	-598	-12,099	-28,453	-40,552

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prizes, &c., control reimbursement grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State Trust Funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission.

## NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1952 .. .. ..	24,202	16,765	9,313	11,166	8,001	4,571	74,018	16,917	90,935
1953 .. .. ..	15,586	13,306	6,577	8,067	6,542	4,188	54,266	15,547	69,813

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loan.

**TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1952-53.(a)**  
(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	67	2	8,406	4,844	9,877	2,593	1,889	27,678
Victoria ..	..	57	1,370	4,833	3,206	5,455	2,254	1,982	19,157
Queensland ..	..	4	1,035	2,302	2,084	4,424	293	1,461	11,603
South Australia ..	..	..	574	1,002	899	1,727	998	141	5,341
Western Australia ..	..	3	269	843	945	1,197	322	333	3,912
Tasmania ..	..	1	166	370	319	641	165	1,634	3,296
Total States ..	..	132	3,416	17,756	12,297	23,321	6,625	7,440	70,987
Commonwealth ..	183,824	556,960	1,250	8,393	..	..	6,708	b 138,329	895,464
Grand Total ..	183,824	557,092	4,666	26,149	12,297	23,321	18,333	145,769	966,451

**PER HEAD OF POPULATION.**

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	..	0 0 5	0 11 7	2 9 1	1 8 4	2 17 9	0 15 2	0 11 1	8 1 10
Victoria ..	..	0 0 5	0 11 7	2 0 11	1 7 2	2 6 2	0 19 1	0 16 10	8 2 2
Queensland ..	..	0 0 1	0 16 7	1 16 10	1 13 5	3 10 10	0 4 8	1 3 5	9 5 10
South Australia ..	..	..	0 15 4	1 6 9	1 4 0	2 6 1	1 6 7	0 3 9	7 2 6
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 1	0 8 9	1 7 6	1 10 10	1 19 1	0 10 6	0 10 11	6 7 8
Tasmania ..	..	0 0 1	0 10 9	1 3 11	1 0 8	2 1 6	0 10 9	5 5 9	10 13 5
Total States ..	..	0 0 4	0 7 10	2 0 10	1 8 3	2 13 7	0 15 2	0 17 1	8 3 1
Commonwealth ..	21 0 4	63 13 5	0 2 10	0 19 2	..	..	0 15 4	b 15 16 4	102 7 5
Grand Total ..	21 0 4	63 13 9	0 10 8	2 19 10	1 8 1	2 13 4	1 10 6	16 13 3	110 9 9

(a) Includes taxes paid to Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 53 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £89,067,000, £10 3s. 8d. per head of population; and Pay Roll Tax, £40,171,000, £4 11s. 10d. per head of population.

**TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.**

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1949-50 ..	143,883	279,654	42,425	52,997	518,959	41,855	560,814
1950-51 ..	165,004	341,957	57,173	(a) 213,053	777,187	51,762	828,949
1951-52 ..	213,917	545,179	95,459	79,456	934,011	63,010	997,021
1952-53 ..	183,824	556,960	89,067	65,613	959,464	70,987	966,451

**PER HEAD OF POPULATION.**

(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1949-50 ..	17 17 5	34 14 10	5 5 5	6 11 9	64 9 5	5 4 5	69 13 5
1950-51 ..	19 17 0	41 2 10	6 17 7	a 25 12 9	93 10 2	6 5 1	99 14 9
1951-52 ..	25 1 0	63 16 10	11 3 7	9 6 1	109 7 6	7 8 3	116 15 1
1952-53 ..	21 0 4	63 13 5	10 3 8	7 10 0	102 7 5	8 3 1	110 9 9

(a) Includes Wool Deduction, £109,531,000, £13 3s. 7d. per head of population.

**TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1952-53.**

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	43,424	26,028	17,487	9,342	8,742	3,600	108,623
State Tax Collections ..	27,678	19,157	11,603	5,341	3,912	3,296	70,987
Total ..	71,102	45,185	29,000	14,683	12,654	6,896	179,610
Per head of population ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	20 15 9	19 2 6	23 5 10	19 11 10	20 13 0	22 6 6	20 12 9

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1953.
		1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	

TOTAL DEBT.  
(£'000.)

Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	149,027	148,561	144,799	144,044
	London £Stg. <sup>a</sup>	11,020	8,333	7,534	7,534	7,534
	Australia £A.	..	1,499,401	1,479,140	1,467,002	1,491,020
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. .	Australia £A.	43,303	122,261	149,236	176,842	188,440
	London £Stg.	72,097	49,969	50,434	50,071	49,619
	New York £(b)	15,913	17,383	28,139	36,192	37,977
Total . . .	Australia £A.	218,497	1,770,689	1,776,937	1,788,643	1,823,504
	London £Stg.	83,117	64,077	63,743	63,380	62,928
	New York £(b)	15,913	17,383	28,139	36,192	37,977
Total(c) . . .		317,527	1,852,149	1,868,819	1,888,215	1,924,409
State . . .	Australia £A.	485,179	893,611	1,081,589	1,230,404	1,285,857
	London £Stg.	384,328	290,516	290,095	289,498	288,816
	New York £(b)	28,265	24,211	23,992	23,751	22,307
Total(c) . . .		897,772	1,208,338	1,395,676	1,543,648	1,596,980
Grand Total . . .	Australia £A.	703,676	2,664,300	2,858,526	3,019,047	3,109,361
	London £Stg.	467,445	354,593	353,838	352,873	351,744
	New York £(b)	44,178	41,594	52,131	59,948	60,284
Total(c) . . .		1,215,299	3,060,487	3,264,495	3,431,863	3,521,389

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.  
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total . . .	Australia £A.	100 19 10	315 19 11	330 10 5	342 2 10	350 13 4
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	42 1 2	40 18 3	39 19 10	39 13 4
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	4 18 8	6 0 7	6 15 10	6 16 0
Total(c) . . .		174 8 4	362 19 9	377 9 3	388 18 6	397 2 8

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.  
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State . . .	Australia £A.	25,585	73,617	77,946	86,576	90,094
	London £Stg. <sup>a</sup>	18,366	11,169	11,267	11,355	11,319
	New York £(b)	2,219	1,658	2,108	2,453	2,244
Total(d) . . .		46,170	88,444	91,321	100,384	103,657

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.  
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State . . .	Australia . .	3 12 9	2 15 4	2 14 6	2 17 4	2 18 0
	London(a) . .	3 18 7	3 3 0	3 3 8	3 4 4	3 4 4
	New York . .	5 0 6	3 19 9	4 0 10	4 1 10	3 14 6
Total . . .		3 16 0	2 16 6	2 16 0	2 18 6	2 18 11

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(e)  
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					At 31st December, 1953.
		1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	
Commonwealth . . .	Australia £A. . .	123,280	108,280	108,280	153,280	225,000	245,000
	London £Stg. . .	1,720	1,470	1,220	970	720	470
State . . .	Australia £A. . .	..	..	..	..	..	1,000
	London £Stg. . .	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total . . .	Australia £A. . .	123,280	108,280	110,680	153,280	225,000	246,000
	London £Stg. . .	24,588	24,338	24,088	23,838	23,588	23,388

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) The total "face" or "book" value of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (d) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange. (e) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

**Section VII.—Social Statistics.**  
**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.**  
 (£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	Six months ended December—	
					1952.	1953.
<b>Social Benefits—</b>						
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	49,520	59,788	72,424	34,174	39,663
Child Endowment	..	43,585	46,625	53,244	29,443	25,906
Community Rehabilitation	..	310	361	454	224	222
Funeral Benefits	..	254	276	270	153	158
Maternity Allowances	437	3,057	3,157	3,248	1,625	1,639
Rental Rebates	..	3	..	..	..	..
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits	..	1,037	1,008	6,255	2,210	2,742
Widows' Pensions	..	4,828	5,615	6,334	3,066	3,224
<b>Health Benefits—</b>						
Hospital Benefits	..	6,536	6,683	7,223	3,089	4,076
Medical Benefits	..	..	..	..	..	203
Mental Institution Benefits	..	406	518	523	225	203
<b>National Health Services—</b>						
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	..	75	1,036	1,740	884	1,076
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	..	..	358	729	325	465
Nutrition of Children	..	36	815	1,521	432	858
Miscellaneous	..	131	162	183	85	95
Pharmaceutical Benefits	..	2,930	7,327	6,487	3,156	3,576
Tuberculosis Campaign(a)	..	2,275	3,879	4,876	1,880	1,144
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,429</b>	<b>114,983</b>	<b>137,608</b>	<b>165,511</b>	<b>80,971</b>	<b>85,250</b>

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of Hospitals.

**COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.**

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year. (a)		
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.							
				Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount. £'000.	Per Head of Popn. s. d.	
1952-53.										
New South Wales(b)	154,936	33,546	188,482	446	97	127	3	131	0	30,533
Victoria ..	93,353	15,019	108,372	392	63	129	1	129	11	17,476
Queensland ..	54,236	10,691	64,927	420	84	129	10	132	4	10,723
South Australia(c)	34,207	4,378	38,585	442	57	128	9	131	8	6,308
Western Australia..	25,679	3,996	29,675	413	64	128	4	129	8	4,842
Tasmania ..	12,380	2,602	14,982	398	84	127	7	130	0	2,542
<b>Total 1952-53</b>	<b>374,791</b>	<b>70,232</b>	<b>445,023</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72,424</b>
1951-52 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	407	79	114	2	116	4	59,788
1950-51 ..	342,806	68,918	411,724	407	82	95	5	96	8	49,520
1949-50 ..	334,923	73,494	408,417	409	90	80	10	82	0	44,557
1948-49 ..	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	81	2	82	6	41,694
1938-39 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(d)	(d)	15,992	46	2

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £7 from 29th October. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

## COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State, etc. and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children, (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000	s. d.
1952-53.						
New South Wales(b)	491,848	1,005,887	1,417	2,897	20,012	116 1
Victoria ..	328,561	672,525	1,378	2,820	13,996	118 6
Queensland ..	178,760	393,539	1,412	3,109	8,343	133 7
South Australia(c)	113,529	234,582	1,466	3,030	4,770	124 7
Western Australia ..	89,671	192,991	1,441	3,102	4,053	132 3
Tasmania ..	44,202	98,619	1,421	3,170	2,059	133 3
Abroad ..	415	883	..	..	11	..
Total 1952-53	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,412	2,943	53,244	121 9
1951-52 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,394	2,883	46,625	109 2
1950-51 ..	1,150,847	2,365,177	1,365	2,805	43,585	104 11
1949-50 ..	662,949	1,813,925	810	2,216	30,337	75 5
1948-49 ..	620,819	1,083,994	785	1,370	24,323	62 5

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June—1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions; 1951, 23,753 in 370 institutions; 1950, 22,397 in 375 institutions; 1949, 21,305 in 369 institutions. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endeevee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endeevee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

## COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable at 30th June.	Average Fortnightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year.			
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	£'000		
1952-53.								
New South Wales(b)	16,812	48	7,815	6 0 3	2,630	15 3		
Victoria ..	10,173	43	3,844	5 18 8	1,535	13 0		
Queensland ..	6,814	54	3,158	6 2 2	1,059	16 11		
South Australia(c)	3,163	41	1,334	5 18 8	486	12 8		
Western Australia ..	2,686	43	1,127	5 18 5	404	13 2		
Tasmania ..	1,380	44	702	6 1 1	220	14 3		
Total 1952-53	41,028	46	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6		
1951-52 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2		
1950-51 ..	41,962	50	17,717	4 10 10	4,828	11 7		
1949-50 ..	42,894	52	17,760	3 19 3	4,421	11 0		
1948-49 ..	43,251	55	17,891	3 19 8	4,388	11 3		

(a) Excludes sixteen (1952-53), eleven (1951-52), nine (1950-51), fourteen (1949-50) and eleven (1948-49) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Homes. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£3 15s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age—£2 17s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£2 17s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or for approximately 39 weeks in certain cases; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£2 17s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 3rd November, 1953.

## COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.								
1938-39 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	80,916
1948-49 ..	67,534	46,309	27,570	16,381	13,107	6,984	70	177,955
1949-50 ..	73,566	49,035	28,652	17,273	13,759	7,408	40	189,733
1950-51 ..	72,003	50,210	29,155	17,864	14,986	7,250	119	191,587
1951-52 ..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	73	195,722
1952-53 ..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	90	203,042
AMOUNT PAID. (£.)								
1938-39 ..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	436,614
1948-49 ..	1,070,126	732,621	444,387	260,410	209,017	111,529	759	2,828,849
1949-50 ..	1,155,379	777,920	459,130	275,091	219,741	119,712	933	3,007,906
1950-51 ..	1,149,164	807,030	467,673	276,509	239,343	116,465	1,335	3,057,519
1951-52 ..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53 ..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	1,878	3,248,305

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of persons on benefit see page 90.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.	
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.								
1948-49 ..	.. .. ..	23,279	2,417	99,591	580	9,986	2,993	138,846
1949-50 ..	.. .. ..	1,064,698	6,666	141,446	33,059	18,163	2,010	1,266,072
1950-51 ..	.. .. ..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	62,444
1951-52 ..	.. .. ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	187,011
1952-53 ..	.. .. ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	4,569,747
Quarter ended— December, 1952 ..	.. .. ..	769,579	214,131	133,622	36,345	40,543	14,084	1,208,304
March, 1953 ..	.. .. ..	999,964	286,892	260,570	53,416	40,728	12,260	1,653,830
June, " ..	.. .. ..	724,931	347,602	228,768	30,206	28,825	10,225	1,370,557
September, " ..	.. .. ..	551,174	253,449	135,608	26,933	32,813	18,416	1,018,393
December, " ..	.. .. ..	336,176	141,690	115,808	12,409	19,131	14,763	639,977

## SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1948-49 ..	.. .. ..	302,298	196,548	118,789	76,620	62,569	39,002	795,826
1949-50 ..	.. .. ..	307,315	217,782	111,840	83,826	58,323	36,928	816,014
1950-51 ..	.. .. ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	745,716
1951-52 ..	.. .. ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	709,887
1952-53 ..	.. .. ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	1,393,294
Quarter ended— December, 1952 ..	.. .. ..	145,765	79,254	59,945	31,416	23,797	13,365	353,542
March, 1953 ..	.. .. ..	160,247	81,586	91,088	43,048	23,415	14,143	418,527
June, " ..	.. .. ..	173,760	157,977	36,532	40,981	26,166	13,702	449,118
September, " ..	.. .. ..	173,892	120,699	62,265	39,310	28,807	14,880	439,853
December, " ..	.. .. ..	188,598	122,097	72,444	35,946	26,528	15,111	460,724

(a) In addition £135,754 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1948-49; £424,338 during 1949-50; £229,053 during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; and £292,431 during 1952-53. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years and 5s. for a dependent child. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from an approved Friendly Society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons over 16 years of age to 20s. for adults and married persons.

## AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

## (i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.				Expenditure during Year.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.		
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000	
1952-53.									
New South Wales	66,787	105,848	16,806	189,441	3 19 5	1 11 2	2 8 2	11,770	
Victoria ..	52,785	81,484	13,817	148,066	4 2 0	1 13 3	2 10 8	9,919	
Queensland ..	23,304	40,052	5,184	68,540	4 1 1	1 8 5	2 6 4	4,110	
South Australia(b)	18,157	33,967	3,907	56,031	4 3 1	1 8 7	2 6 3	3,349	
Western Australia	17,747	30,877	3,983	52,607	3 12 2	1 7 4	2 2 7	2,921	
Tasmania ..	7,795	14,492	1,679	23,966	5 2 9	1 11 6	2 14 8	1,715	
United Kingdom ..	1,437	1,678	1,292	4,407	4 13 1	3 7 0	3 15 6	492	
Elsewhere ..	383	379	154	916	3 9 2	2 10 8	2 18 5	80	
Total 1952-53	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356	
1951-52 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845	
1950-51 ..	180,836	274,654	47,185	502,675	3 6 4	1 9 1	2 2 6	26,192	
1949-50 ..	174,544	249,554	47,158	471,256	2 10 4	1 4 2	1 13 10	20,864	
1948-49 ..	160,116	227,441	46,558	440,115	2 8 0	1 4 9	1 13 6	18,754	
1938-39 ..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819	

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

## (ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Pensions Current at 30th June.					Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.	Expenditure during Year.		
	Aged Members of Forces.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Total.				
		Members of Forces.	Dependents.						
1952-53.									
New South Wales	3,424	1,507	1,474	140	197	6,742	4 17 3		
Victoria ..	1,823	1,144	1,144	62	100	4,273	4 16 7		
Queensland ..	1,544	903	776	22	37	3,282	4 19 11		
South Australia(b)	682	557	537	29	58	1,863	4 15 11		
Western Australia	1,043	646	596	30	28	2,343	4 12 9		
Tasmania ..	187	214	253	8	12	674	4 . 6 8		
Total 1952-53	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6		
1951-52 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9		
1950-51 ..	7,456	4,492	3,911	279	374	16,512	3 13 11		
1949-50 ..	7,448	4,608	3,598	299	385	16,338	3 7 6		
1948-49 ..	7,070	4,613	3,699	271	365	16,018	3 7 11		
1938-39 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	610	1,032	13,108	1 5 10		

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

**GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.**  
(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
New South Wales (a) ..	2,525	13,602	398,899	349,766
Victoria .. ..	2,035	9,424	247,361	219,135
Queensland .. ..	1,565	5,976	(b) 159,767	142,705
South Australia .. ..	694	3,524	90,747	82,588
Western Australia .. ..	507	2,568	72,646	66,865
Tasmania .. ..	316	1,604	42,224	37,363
Northern Territory (c) ..	6	42	1,230	1,092
<b>Australia 1951 ..</b>	<b>7,648</b>	<b>36,740</b>	<b>1,012,874</b>	<b>899,514</b>
1950 ..	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1949 ..	7,874	34,090	917,256	810,800
1948 ..	7,971	33,287	869,861	770,554
1947 ..	8,191	32,820	846,105	754,799
1939 ..	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

**NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)**

1951.

New South Wales (a) ..	740	5,882	130,790	116,879
Victoria .. ..	479	3,272	97,269	(e) 87,348
Queensland .. ..	254	1,852	45,323	41,757
South Australia .. ..	146	976	20,677	18,359
Western Australia .. ..	210	873	22,790	20,837
Tasmania .. ..	59	385	9,039	7,918
Northern Territory (c) ..	2	11	370	331
<b>Australia 1951 ..</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>13,251</b>	<b>326,258</b>	<b>293,429</b>
1950 ..	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1949 ..	1,843	12,526	293,306	264,164
1948 ..	1,835	12,408	281,354	251,092
1947 ..	1,850	12,496	280,543	257,430
1939 ..	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1951.  
30th June, 1952. (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(c) Year ended  
(e) Estimated.

## UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Receipts (or Income). (a)	Total Payments (or Expenditure). (a)
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.				
1952.						
Sydney ..	452	419	7,380	1,951	1,451,793	1,279,032
Melbourne ..	367	214	7,320	1,149	1,524,113	1,405,885
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	232	171	3,850	431	675,151	689,545
Adelaide ..	156	115	4,178	351	517,130	548,817
Western Australia (Perth) ..	105	35	1,684	266	493,205	430,563
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	71	11	564	99	240,924	215,657
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	229	311	4,170	57	606,608	586,716
New England University College (Armidale, N.S.W.) ..	45	20	211	..	153,578	139,292
Canberra University College ..	23	22	284	..	57,558	56,914
Total .. ..	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	5,720,060	5,352,421
1951 .. ..	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1950 .. ..	1,298	1,090	30,630	4,506	3,756,978	3,746,602
1949 .. ..	1,210	1,182	31,753	3,607	3,134,794	3,298,102
1948 .. ..	1,219	1,028	32,453	2,863	2,830,177	2,869,093
1939 .. ..	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) These figures are as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue (e.g., in Melbourne a Commonwealth subsidy of £135,727 was received in 1951 in respect of earlier years).

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University) had in 1952, a teaching staff of 79, with 23 Post-Graduate Scholars. In 1951, the receipts were £401,056 and expenditure, £442,038. (See note (a).)

## POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State, or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.	
			(a)	(a)
1952.				
New South Wales .. ..	4,688	(a)	15	(a) 2,231
Victoria .. ..	2,992		9	1,248
Queensland (a) .. ..	2,449		7	538
South Australia .. ..	(a) 1,091		16	437
Western Australia (a) .. ..	929		19	374
Tasmania (a) .. ..	418		2	154
Northern Territory (a) .. ..	50		2	44
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	60	..	..	..
Total 1952 .. ..	12,677		70	5,026
1951 .. ..	12,318		69	4,444
1950 .. ..	11,677		71	4,089
1949 .. ..	11,238		71	3,982
1948 .. ..	10,850		72	3,680
1939 .. ..	9,566		74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1953.

## PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hos-pitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expendi-ture. (c)
			Medi-cal.	Nurs-ing.			
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000
1951-52							
New South Wales	257	18,762	3,684	9,762	376,343	15,375	16,174
Victoria	101	10,429	1,623	5,589	176,417	10,254	11,432
Queensland	136	8,551	567	4,593	175,164	(d) 4,968	(d) 5,983
South Australia	61	3,448	490	1,774	59,374	3,055	3,053
Western Australia	96	4,156	296	1,906	72,858	3,223	3,134
Tasmania	23	1,798	208	855	31,663	1,284	1,289
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	184	21	77	4,201	204	204
Total 1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	38,363	41,269
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	31,440	32,582
1949-50	648	45,559	5,917	22,235	823,395	24,944	26,205
1948-49	624	44,515	5,471	21,245	730,009	19,465	20,661
1947-48	612	43,473	5,336	20,153	719,956	17,393	17,805
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1951-52 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,046,507; Victoria, 422,851; Queensland, 495,402; South Australia, 114,359; Western Australia, 109,323 (estimated); Tasmania, 86,210; Australian Capital Territory, 11,531; Australia, 2,286,183. (c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales. (d) Year 1950-51.

## MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hos-pitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue.	Expendi-ture.
			Medi-cal.	Nurs-ing.			
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000
1951-52							
New South Wales	13	12,189	(a) 66	1,925	12,873	416	3,382
Victoria	9	6,510	75	1,418	7,568	285	2,705
Queensland(b)	4	4,191	10	817	4,388	12	1,196
South Australia	2	2,427	8	397	2,425	84	689
Western Australia	4	1,506	6	244	1,599	51	520
Tasmania	1	750	2	184	710	13	257
Total 1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1949-50	33	27,397	128	4,694	27,922	725	5,391
1948-49	33	27,272	116	4,487	27,423	594	4,485
1947-48	34	27,219	108	4,198	27,214	508	3,576
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) In addition there were 39 visiting paid specialists.

(b) Includes the Epileptic Home.

## Section VIII.—Private Finance.

## CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)								
1949-50	..	..	62,530	14,775	77,305	..	2,724	6,557
1950-51	..	..	89,234	19,405	108,639	..	3,014	7,950
1951-52	..	..	90,505	20,093	110,688	..	2,644	8,524
1952-53	..	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569
Quarter ended—								
December, 1952	..	..	92,907	22,135	115,042	..	3,897	8,335
March, 1953	..	..	100,125	24,481	124,606	..	3,851	9,490
June,	..	..	108,247	25,425	133,672	..	3,801	8,594
September,	..	..	112,345	30,449	142,794	..	4,251	7,791
December,	..	..	122,719	36,112	158,831	..	3,051	8,368
Month of—								
October, 1953	..	..	120,207	35,952	156,159	..	3,622	5,810
November,	..	..	124,180	36,786	160,966	..	3,920	5,805
December,	..	..	123,770	35,598	159,368	..	1,612	13,488
PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.								
1938-39(d)	..	..	2,644	118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921
1949-50	..	..	729	685,587	224,477	910,064	158	33,227
1950-51	..	..	729	896,499	247,727	1,144,226	158	50,250
1951-52	..	..	729	963,524	238,217	1,201,741	158	61,527
1952-53	..	..	226	943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628
Quarter ended—								
December, 1952	..	172	895,082	215,324	1,110,406	158	11,190	15,542
March, 1953	..	91	1,001,444	219,584	1,221,028	158	3,153	14,314
June,	..	20	1,035,071	225,099	1,260,170	158	3,571	15,121
September,	..	16	966,919	226,233	1,193,152	158	3,324	13,133
December,	..	15	1,009,540	240,804	1,250,344	158	3,811	16,029
Month of—								
October, 1953	..	15	979,583	230,459	1,210,042	158	3,815	15,354
November,	..	15	1,005,035	245,910	1,250,945	158	3,850	15,717
December,	..	14	1,044,001	246,043	1,290,044	158	3,769	17,017
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
1949-50	..	..	20,206	23,025	10,080	33,105	..	174
1950-51	..	..	20,056	31,947	12,421	44,368	..	194
1951-52	..	..	19,336	37,445	13,369	50,814	..	504
1952-53	..	..	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622
Quarter ended—								
December, 1952	..	19,106	31,789	15,650	47,439	..	654	582
March, 1953	..	19,371	40,284	14,996	55,280	..	253	556
June,	..	19,592	40,084	15,017	55,101	..	262	436
September,	..	19,554	35,592	14,888	50,430	..	403	394
December,	..	19,519	35,672	14,750	50,422	..	1,468	473
Month of—								
October, 1953	..	19,540	34,193	14,652	48,845	..	1,485	441
November,	..	19,535	35,249	14,614	49,863	..	1,584	578
December,	..	19,482	37,573	14,985	52,558	..	1,334	401
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(e)								
1949-50	..	..	20,935	771,142	249,332	1,020,474	158	36,125
1950-51	..	..	20,785	1,017,680	279,553	1,297,233	158	53,467
1951-52	..	..	20,065	1,091,564	271,679	1,363,243	158	64,675
1952-53	..	..	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070
Quarter ended—								
December, 1952	..	19,278	1,019,778	253,109	1,272,887	158	15,741	24,459
March, 1953	..	19,462	1,141,853	259,061	1,400,914	158	7,257	24,360
June,	..	19,612	1,183,402	265,541	1,448,943	158	7,634	24,151
September,	..	19,570	1,114,856	271,520	1,386,376	158	7,978	21,318
December,	..	19,534	1,167,931	291,666	1,459,597	158	8,330	24,870
Month of—								
October, 1953	..	19,555	1,133,983	281,063	1,415,046	158	8,922	21,605
November,	..	19,550	1,164,464	297,310	1,461,774	158	9,354	22,100
December,	..	19,496	1,205,344	296,626	1,501,970	158	6,715	30,906

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes Short Term Loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division only (Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia from 3rd December, 1953). (d) Not strictly comparable with later figures. (e) Includes General Banking Division only of the Commonwealth Bank. See also note (c) above.

**Cheque-paying Banks—continued.**  
**Average Assets within Australia.(a)**  
**(£'000.)**

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wth' Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Secur-ties.	Loans, Ad- vances and Bills Dis- counted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
	Treasury Bills.	Other.							
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1949-50 .. ..	6,166	(e)	512	1,962	35,353	..	45,308	1,877	91,178
1950-51 .. ..	7,176	..	820	24,049	26,868	..	62,491	2,348	123,752
1951-52 .. ..	6,581	..	994	26,392	13,274	2	76,407	3,230	126,880
1952-53 .. ..	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,084	138,762
Quarter ended—									
December, 1952 ..	7,777	15,980	1,862	9,031	36,051	66	58,572	3,944	133,283
March, 1953 ..	10,243	19,709	1,558	22,600	26,969	82	60,847	3,793	145,801
June, .. ..	10,217	30,865	1,734	33,169	15,811	184	57,373	4,349	153,702
September, .. ..	10,901	32,250	663	31,957	18,457	1,223	63,126	3,879	162,456
December, .. ..	11,114	32,250	776	26,634	32,136	1,253	68,400	4,290	176,853
Month of—									
October, 1953 ..	11,448	32,250	812	29,600	28,148	1,248	66,382	4,024	173,912
November, .. ..	11,303	32,250	745	27,700	33,182	1,251	68,441	4,211	179,083
December, .. ..	10,592	32,250	770	22,600	35,078	1,260	70,378	4,636	177,564
PRIVATE TRADING BANKS									
1938-39(f) .. ..	33,597	..	3,938	21,533	20,477	..	288,109	9,421	377,075
1949-50 .. ..	51,960	377,006	17,683	26,502	83,813	536	408,890	18,272	979,662
1950-51 .. ..	59,333	500,317	23,761	36,887	90,244	1,126	479,322	18,988	1,209,978
1951-52 .. ..	60,589	465,991	29,140	32,402	68,416	1,124	621,435	33,151	1,312,248
1952-53 .. ..	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,513	2,313	638,092	29,603	1,188,699
Quarter ended—									
December, 1952 ..	74,300	159,296	23,435	116,615	71,563	2,120	656,982	29,614	1,133,925
March, 1953 ..	87,604	196,586	22,365	185,729	96,304	2,999	604,663	29,228	1,225,478
June, .. ..	71,302	291,253	23,954	137,269	113,495	2,625	596,922	29,770	1,266,590
September, .. ..	68,967	279,717	15,892	90,000	119,316	2,278	622,712	31,610	1,230,492
December, .. ..	71,773	250,520	16,618	100,750	126,945	3,101	661,233	35,337	1,266,327
Month of—									
October, 1953 ..	63,279	250,658	15,680	96,125	124,552	2,948	654,650	34,080	1,241,967
November, .. ..	69,015	250,453	16,642	100,875	126,051	2,979	664,064	35,400	1,265,479
December, .. ..	83,025	250,453	17,531	105,250	130,233	3,375	664,986	36,682	1,291,535
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1949-50 .. ..	4,039	2,626	1,188	1,048	13,135	225	46,236	3,890	72,387
1950-51 .. ..	4,852	3,271	1,760	3,087	12,375	185	56,604	4,613	86,747
1951-52 .. ..	5,104	2,612	1,800	2,925	14,880	111	61,816	5,423	94,671
1952-53 .. ..	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,896	132	64,731	3,787	94,426
Quarter ended—									
December, 1952 ..	3,116	1,092	1,993	400	13,962	127	66,326	3,581	90,687
March, 1953 ..	6,123	1,092	2,550	6,673	13,397	124	63,868	4,214	98,041
June, .. ..	6,413	1,079	2,401	8,377	13,550	145	63,230	3,573	98,768
September, .. ..	5,132	1,077	2,502	4,274	13,698	151	64,302	3,335	94,471
December, .. ..	4,611	1,072	2,631	3,933	14,106	148	66,907	3,522	96,930
Month of—									
October, 1953 ..	4,079	1,077	2,534	3,325	14,075	149	66,628	3,528	95,395
November, .. ..	4,595	1,077	2,607	3,862	14,109	149	67,249	3,539	97,187
December, .. ..	5,157	1,062	2,753	4,613	14,132	147	66,844	3,500	98,208
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(h)									
1949-50 .. ..	62,165	379,632	19,383	29,512	132,301	761	495,434	24,039	1,143,227
1950-51 .. ..	71,361	503,588	26,341	64,023	129,487	1,311	598,417	25,949	1,420,477
1951-52 .. ..	72,274	468,603	31,924	61,719	96,570	1,237	759,658	41,804	1,523,799
1952-53 .. ..	88,186	234,621	26,356	144,209	126,249	2,537	762,315	37,464	1,421,887
Quarter ended—									
December, 1952 ..	85,193	176,368	27,290	126,136	121,576	2,313	781,880	37,139	1,357,895
March, 1953 ..	103,970	217,387	26,473	215,002	136,670	3,205	729,378	37,235	1,469,320
June, .. ..	87,932	323,197	28,039	178,815	142,856	2,954	717,525	37,692	1,519,060
September, .. ..	85,000	313,044	19,057	126,231	151,471	3,652	750,140	38,824	1,487,419
December, .. ..	87,498	283,842	20,025	131,317	173,187	4,502	706,540	43,199	1,540,110
Month of—									
October, 1953 ..	78,806	283,980	19,026	129,050	166,775	4,345	787,660	41,632	1,511,274
November, .. ..	84,913	283,780	19,994	132,437	173,342	4,379	799,754	48,150	1,541,749
December, .. ..	98,774	283,765	21,054	132,463	179,443	4,782	802,208	44,818	1,567,307

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division only (Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia from 3rd December, 1953). (e) Special Deposit Account with the Central Bank. (f) Not strictly comparable with later figures. (g) Includes Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury and State Bank of South Australia deposit with State Treasury. (h) Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank. See also note (d) above.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.**  
**Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.**  
**(£'000.)**

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.		
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.				
			Hire Purchase.	Other.					
1949-50	..	13,840	3,532	12,756	6,234	36,362			
1950-51	..	13,715	3,840	14,664	7,535	39,754	76		
1951-52	..	19,653	4,153	15,480	8,666	47,952	63		
1952-53	..	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469		
Quarter ended—									
December, 1952	..	14,097	4,255	14,316	8,407	41,075	496		
March, 1953	..	63,167	4,247	15,330	8,209	90,953	550		
June, "	..	77,614	4,263	15,894	7,017	104,788	527		
September, "	..	38,678	4,366	16,362	4,870	64,276	554		
December, "	..	18,388	4,484	16,856	4,343	44,071	650		
Month of—									
October, 1953	..	24,587	4,462	16,649	4,250	40,948	650		
November, "	..	19,835	4,501	16,774	4,224	45,334	650		
December, "	..	10,743	4,489	17,146	4,554	36,932	650		
							1,731		

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.**  
**Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).**

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).					
	Held by—		Total.										
	Banks.	Public.											
1949-50	..	27,926	194,272	222,198	379,632	30,661	200,345	434,018					
1950-51	..	32,725	219,045	251,770	503,248	34,696	238,230	596,276					
1951-52	..	38,087	255,552	293,639	468,800	31,112	270,937	566,570					
1952-53	..	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	503,089					
Quarter ended—													
December, 1952	..	37,279	280,870	318,149	160,387	48,202	278,477	318,111					
March, 1953	..	37,614	284,096	321,710	197,678	59,201	287,202	446,802					
June, "	..	36,413	201,293	327,706	292,332	44,090	313,118	395,116					
September, "	..	36,063	295,068	331,131	280,680	40,787	310,157	454,482					
December, "	..	39,408	298,726	338,134	259,654	38,626	299,360	491,659					
Month of—													
October, 1953	..	37,226	295,825	333,051	251,730	30,917	295,077	486,075					
November, "	..	37,771	296,655	334,426	251,530	35,994	315,250	393,771					
December, "	..	43,227	303,699	346,926	275,702	48,968	287,755	490,424					
								419,346					
								423,501					
								451,051					
								432,035					

## COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£A'000.)

Denomination.	25th Dec., 1939.	27th Dec., 1950.	26th Dec., 1951.	31st Dec., 1952.	28th Oct., 1953.	25th Nov., 1953.	30th Dec., 1953.
10s. ..	4,806	9,449	10,122	10,340	9,949	9,948	10,571
£1 ..	25,805	73,493	76,172	73,269	68,142	68,209	73,780
£5 ..	15,254	115,523	150,885	165,293	165,579	167,404	182,781
£10 ..	6,613	73,066	86,787	92,856	88,997	88,960	95,916
£20 ..	96	7	7	6	6	6	6
£50 ..	1,563	66	59	54	52	52	52
£100 ..	2,615	70	63	60	58	58	58
£1,000 ..	523	346	376	540	330	476	449
Held by banks ..	13,009	(a)	(a)	42,713	37,441	38,366	46,995
,, public	44,266	(a)	(a)	299,705	295,672	296,747	316,618
Total ..	57,275	272,020	324,471	342,418	333,113	335,113	363,613

(a) Not available.

## SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June— 1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1950 ..	258,874	257,121	92,201	87,695	39,612	24,272	859	1,451	762,085
1951 ..	284,467	281,779	98,840	97,849	44,672	27,155	965	1,717	837,444
1952 ..	304,532	300,832	102,661	103,726	47,171	30,119	1,036	1,821	891,898
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
Dec., 1952	312,255	309,355	106,917	107,263	48,618	30,882	1,063	2,030	918,383
Mar., 1953	313,791	311,663	106,374	110,113	48,601	31,358	1,064	2,079	925,043
June, ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
Sept., ..	325,200	324,937	112,829	116,292	50,983	33,048	1,234	2,282	966,805
Oct., 1953	325,760	325,504	113,051	116,700	51,137	32,891	1,263	2,265	968,571
Nov., ..	326,156	325,951	113,380	117,209	51,349	32,986	1,256	2,277	970,564
Dec., ..	327,659	327,954	114,001	117,294	51,374	32,851	1,249	2,258	973,740

## COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June— 1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1950 ..	258,874	58,441	92,201	16,657	39,612	9,144	859	1,451	477,239
1951 ..	284,467	68,092	98,840	20,203	44,672	10,497	965	1,717	529,453
1952 ..	304,532	76,485	102,661	22,502	47,171	11,406	1,036	1,821	567,614
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
Dec., 1952	312,255	80,480	106,917	23,861	48,618	11,568	1,063	2,030	586,792
Mar., 1953	313,791	82,107	106,374	24,499	48,601	11,684	1,064	2,079	590,199
June, ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
Sept., ..	325,200	87,401	112,829	26,382	50,983	12,362	1,234	2,282	618,673
Oct., 1953	325,760	87,897	113,051	26,564	51,137	12,300	1,263	2,265	620,237
Nov., ..	326,156	88,310	113,380	26,698	51,349	12,352	1,256	2,277	621,778
Dec., ..	327,659	88,842	114,001	26,720	51,374	12,320	1,249	2,258	624,423

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of December, 1953, was £32,559,000.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1949-50 ..	104,876	97,758	29,482	19,326	13,744	5,605	265	271,056
1950-51 ..	145,110	134,925	39,011	26,844	19,250	7,370	373	372,883
1951-52 ..	156,602	142,358	41,516	30,792	21,810	8,872	471	402,421
1952-53 ..	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	389,316
Quarter ended—								
December, 1952 ..	162,266	134,796	45,509	29,225	22,714	8,647	538	403,785
March, 1953 ..	147,707	132,118	41,186	30,716	24,145	8,326	588	384,786
June, ..	155,317	139,584	46,512	32,289	22,237	9,778	676	406,393
September, ..	159,932	131,752	50,006	29,906	22,330	9,261	764	403,951
December, ..	176,963	155,601	53,250	32,722	26,832	9,612	750	455,730
Month of—								
October, 1953 ..	168,310	140,565	51,450	31,001	24,135	9,105	929	425,495
November, ..	172,954	146,869	52,040	31,030	25,815	9,164	691	438,563
December, ..	187,092	174,615	55,657	35,451	29,803	10,378	655	493,651

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953.

## BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operated.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	3½	1.8.52	3½
—Other ..	4	1.8.52	3½
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years .. .. ..	4½	1.8.52	4
over 20 years .. .. ..	4¾	1.8.52	4½
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	4½ to 4¾	23.10.52	4½ to 4¾
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans ..	4½	1.8.52	3½
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia(a)—			
Overdraft—General .. .. ..	4¾	1.8.52	4½
Local Government Authorities ..	4½	1.8.52	4
Trading Banks Overdraft (Maximum Rate) ..	5	1.8.52	4½
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies ..	5	1.8.52	4½
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term .. .. ..	4½	25.11.52	3½
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates) .. .. ..	1	1.8.52	¾
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months .. .. ..	1	29.7.52	½
6 months .. .. ..	1½	29.7.52	¾
12 months .. .. ..	1½	29.7.52	1
24 months—			
First £10,000 .. .. ..	1¾	29.7.52	1½
Amounts in excess of £10,000 .. .. ..	1½	29.7.52	1
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
On first £500—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank .. .. ..	2½	1.8.52	2
State Savings Bank of Victoria .. .. ..	2½	1.8.52	2
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston (on amounts up to £450) .. .. ..	2½	1.9.52	2½
Savings Bank of South Australia .. .. ..	2½	1.8.52	2½
On amounts in excess of £500, but not exceeding £1,000(b)—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank .. .. ..	1½	1.8.52	1
State Savings Bank of Victoria .. .. ..	1½	1.8.52	1
Savings Bank of South Australia .. .. ..	1½	1.8.52	1½

(a) Rates quoted prior to 3rd December, 1953, are for the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of £1,000 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The rates for these accounts on amounts in excess of £500 at 31st December, 1953, were: £501-£2,000, 2½ per cent.; £2,001 and over, 1½ per cent.

**BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.**  
(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks— Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Dis- count Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Regis- tered in New South Wales —Urban Securities. (b)
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.			Deposits (Maxi- mum Rate of Interest).	Short- dated 2 Years. (a)	
								Long- dated 12 Years. (a)	
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	2.00	1.75	(e) 3.67	(e) 3.84	5.5
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d) 1.50	2.00	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	2.28	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
Month of—									
December, 1952 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.23	4.53	4.7
March, 1953 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.20	4.57	4.8
June, ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	3.16	4.48	4.9
September, ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.96	4.42	4.9
October, ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.99	4.43	4.9
November, ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.97	4.42	4.9
December, ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.98	4.43	4.9

(a) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years, and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess.

**OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.**

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	De- cember, 1952.	De- cember, 1953.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng.	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A.	125.55	125.68	125.70	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z.	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F.	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.76	2.23	2.22	2.23	2.23	2.24
Canada .. ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.78	2.37	2.27	2.16	2.17	2.18
Belgium .. ..	Francs to £A.1	110.94	110.71	110.57	110.72	110.76	110.77
Denmark .. ..	Kroner to £A.1	17.78	15.29	15.29	15.30	15.30	15.34
France .. ..	Francs to £A.1	141.21	776.50	776.08	781.16	782.87	777.62
Holland .. ..	Florins to £A.1	6.94	8.43	8.40	8.40	8.42	8.42
Philippines .. ..	Pesos to £A.1	7.53	4.44	4.43	4.42	4.42	4.46
Norway .. ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.80	15.82	15.82	15.82	15.82	15.83
Noumea .. ..	Francs to £A.1	(a)	141.75	140.84	138.94	138.94	138.61
Sweden .. ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.41	11.47	11.47	11.51	11.52	11.48
Switzerland .. ..	Francs to £A.1	16.59	9.71	9.70	9.68	9.67	9.71
Hong Kong .. ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.90	18.79	18.83	18.88	18.84
India .. ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.77	22.77	22.77	22.77	22.77
Pakistan .. ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69
Ceylon .. ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.77	22.81	22.81	22.81	22.81
Singapore .. ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.54	35.53	35.40	35.42	35.31

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

## LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

## New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.						Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)					
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.		
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.			
1939 ..	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	36,226		
1949-50 ..	246,455	146,918	299,992	30,104	177,022	99,469	45,793	227,525	15,522	61,315		
1950-51 ..	259,705	182,475	272,561	29,072	211,547	108,733	51,827	221,826	15,779	67,606		
1951-52 ..	238,280	221,572	278,504	33,804	255,376	110,274	59,272	229,652	16,641	75,913		
1952-53 ..	283,718	225,944	274,282	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238		
Quarter ended—												
December, 1952 ..	73,147	63,100	64,427	8,419	71,519	29,283	16,488	66,149	5,025	21,513		
March, 1953 ..	54,623	42,051	58,637	7,500	49,551	27,424	15,898	61,195	4,967	20,865		
June, ..	72,620	57,883	73,193	9,530	67,413	30,174	17,539	61,429	4,692	22,231		
September, ..	84,873	71,342	72,113	9,702	81,044	32,371	19,152	65,975	4,863	24,017		
December, ..	75,910	73,584	55,761	7,550	81,134	43,181	21,804	69,206	5,295	27,099		
Month of—												
October, 1953 ..	22,489	18,688	19,267	2,588	21,276	10,089	5,945	23,208	1,868	7,813		
November, ..	23,518	19,026	22,702	3,080	22,056	14,435	8,630	24,073	1,962	10,592		
December, ..	29,903	35,870	13,792	1,932	37,802	17,757	7,229	21,925	1,465	8,694		

(a) Excludes annuity policies. (b) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

## Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &amp;c., and New Loans Granted. (£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(a)			Claims, &c., Paid.(b)			New Loans Granted.(c)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939 ..	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(d)
1949-50 ..	34,525	12,034	46,559	14,687	6,149	20,836	33,334
1950-51 ..	38,517	12,523	51,040	15,715	5,896	21,611	46,714
1951-52 ..	43,817	13,224	57,041	17,287	6,558	23,845	47,555
1952-53 ..	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
Quarter ended—							
December, 1952 ..	12,459	3,613	16,072	4,767	1,853	6,620	10,394
March, 1953 ..	11,272	3,179	14,451	4,247	1,724	5,971	7,067
June, ..	13,767	3,447	17,214	4,825	1,905	6,730	9,873
September, ..	14,019	3,613	17,632	5,593	2,111	7,704	9,265
December, ..	13,946	3,767	17,713	5,323	1,987	7,310	8,102
Month of—							
October, 1953 ..	4,255	1,215	5,470	1,765	702	2,467	2,821
November, ..	4,263	1,208	5,471	1,610	671	2,281	2,190
December, ..	5,428	1,344	6,772	1,948	614	2,562	3,091

(a) Includes consideration for annuities. (b) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (c) Excludes advances of premiums. (d) Not available.

## Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES.  
AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938-39 ..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1948-49 ..	1,371	6,229	1,706	7,476	1,417	5,828	1,780	7,537
1949-50 ..	1,726	7,972	1,942	8,716	1,480	6,209	1,965	8,662
1950-51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
Six months ended—								
December, 1952 ..	796	3,776	952	4,237	764	3,215	1,034	4,540
.. 1953 ..	788	3,753	995	4,338	792	3,290	1,078	4,528

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.  
('000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.

## SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1952.

New South Wales ..	2,114	153	1,144	353	1,958	175	424	233
Victoria ..	1,325	88	1,330	290	221	119	476	256
Queensland ..	152	147	395	84	390	48	528	68
South Australia ..	910	121	558	108	1,567	106	563	65
Western Australia ..	139	140	623	57	205	52	520	72
Tasmania ..	248	113	109	38	210	110	46	29
Northern Territory ..	17	..	16	..	2	..	..	..
Total .. ..	4,905	762	4,175	930	4,553	610	2,557	723

## SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1953.

New South Wales ..	1,924	205	1,254	524	1,952	225	911	196
Victoria ..	1,196	162	1,273	442	202	202	403	245
Queensland ..	169	176	411	83	225	65	816	60
South Australia ..	865	106	450	156	1,620	126	732	42
Western Australia ..	154	139	522	87	344	53	280	63
Tasmania ..	252	78	102	15	227	84	29	4
Northern Territory ..	18	..	35	..	2	..	1	..
Total .. ..	4,578	866	4,047	1,317	4,572	755	3,172	610
Total—1952-53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
.. 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
.. 1950-51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295
.. 1949-50 ..	6,447	1,520	7,686	3,576	6,419	1,207	5,061	1,388
.. 1948-49 ..	6,690	1,451	5,849	2,572	6,230	1,173	5,423	1,366
.. 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED  
KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	7s. 9d. U.K. 8s. 2d. Cont.	per box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	1 <i>½</i> d. per lb.	
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	230s. per ton measurement.	
Meats—					
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef	..	..	..	1 <i>¾</i> d. per lb.	
Lamb	..	..	..	2 <i>½</i> d. "	"
Mutton	..	..	..	2 <i>½</i> d. "	"
Rabbits and Hares	..	..	..	180s. per ton measurement.	
Preserved in tins					
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	..	..	..	197s. 6d. "	"
(Refrigerator) in brine in casks	..	..	..	155s. "	"
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	237s. 6d. "	"
			..	155s. "	"

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	..	..	..	247s. 6d. per ton weight.	
Jams	..	..	..	122s. 6d. per ton measurement	
Jellies	..	..	..	155s.	
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	122s. 6d. "	"
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—					
Apples	..	..	..	9s. 7d. per bushel case.	
Oranges	..	..	..	9s. 7d. "	"
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—					
Wheat—					
Bulk	..	..	..	82s. 6d. per ton weight.	
Bagged	..	..	..	95s.	
Barley	..	..	..	97s. 6d. "	"
Oats	..	..	..	120s.	"
Maize	..	..	..	102s. 6d. "	"
Grain and Pulse, prepared—					
Flour, Wheaten	..	..	..	97s. 6d. "	"
Bran	..	..	..	117s. 6d. "	"
Pollard	..	..	..	110s. "	"
Rice (clean, husked)	..	..	..	102s. 6d. "	"

WINE

155s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—					
Calf	..	..	..	1 <i>½</i> d. per lb.	
Sheep	..	..	..	1 <i>½</i> d. "	"
Rabbit	..	..	..	3 <i>½</i> d. "	"
Other	..	..	..	3 <i>½</i> d. "	"
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	155s. per ton measurement.	
Wool—					
Greasy	..	..	..	2.76d. per lb. less 7%.	
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	3.48d. "	"
Tops	..	..	..	3.314d. per lb. (net).	

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	155s. per ton weight.	
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	155s.	
Copra	..	..	..	252s. 6d. "	"
Sandalwood	..	..	..	155s. per ton measurement.	
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	2 <i>½</i> d. per lb.	

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	242s. 6d. per ton measurement	
Binder Twine	..	..	..	272s. 6d. per ton weight.	

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—					
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	155s. per ton measurement.	
Other	..	..	..	175s. per ton weight.	
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	175s. "	"

PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .. .. 155s. per ton measurement.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and  
Continent at 31st December, 1953—continued.**

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

**ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—**

Ore (in casks)—							
£20 or over per ton	..	..	..	..	185s.	per ton weight.	
Under £20 per ton	..	..	..	..	102s. 6d.	..	..
<b>Zinc—</b>							
Ex Risdon	..	..	..	..	70s.	..	..
Other than above	..	..	..	..	82s. 6d.	..	..
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	365s.	..	..
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	160s.	..	..
Copper (ingots)	..	..	..	..	150s.	..	..
Lead	..	..	..	..	82s. 6d.	..	..
Steel—							
Billets (up to 30 feet)	..	..	..	..	130s.	..	..
Tyres	..	..	..	..	137s. 6d.	..	..
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	..	..	..	..	77s. 6d.	..	..

**RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—**

Rubber..	..	..	..	..	140s. per ton measurement.	
Leather	..	..	..	..	340s. per ton weight.	

**WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—**

<b>Timber—</b>						
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	77s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.	
“ over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	83s. 2d. “ “ “	
“ over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	89s. 4d. “ “ “	
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	45s. 7d. “ “ “	

**EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS**

..	..	..	..	155s. per ton measurement.
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**STATIONERY**

..	..	..	..	155s. “ “ “
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**DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—**

Fertilizers	..	..	..	..	155s. “ “ weight
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**MISCELLANEOUS—**

Soap ..	..	..	..	..	155s. “ “ measurement
Casein ..	..	..	..	..	245s. “ “ weight

**SPECIE**

..	..	..	..	..	15s. per cent
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**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,  
GENERAL CARGO, 31st December, 1953.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane .. .. ..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney .. .. ..	134 6	..	..	154 0	..
Melbourne .. .. ..	154 0	133 0	..	133 0	..
Adelaide .. .. ..	156 6	147 0	..	117 6	..
Fremantle .. .. ..	172 6(a)	165 0	..	157 0	..
Hobart .. .. ..	150 0	129 0	..	115 6	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie ..	272 0(b)	129 0	..	101 6	..
Auckland .. .. ..	177 6	168 9	267 10(c)	168 9	317 10
Wellington .. .. ..	177 6(c)	168 9(c)	..	168 9(c)	317 10(c)
Lyttleton .. .. ..	177 6	168 9	267 10(c)	168 9	317 10
Dunedin .. .. ..	177 6	168 9	267 10(c)	168 9	317 10
New Hebrides—Vila .. .. ..	..	260 0	..	..	418 0
Norfolk Island .. .. ..	..	300 0	..	..	458 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby .. .. ..	190 0	190 0	..	215 0	338 0
Samarai .. .. ..	190 0	190 0	..	215 0	338 0
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang .. .. ..	220 0	220 0	..	245 0	368 0
Rabaul .. .. ..	200 0	200 0	..	225 0	348 0

(a) Plus 16s. per ton if trans-shipped.  
Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

(b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.

(c) Includes

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Government.	1938-39.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.
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## ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.

Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,113
Victoria ..	4,759	4,697	4,687	4,686	4,694	4,660
Queensland ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,557	2,547	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,553
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,321	4,252	4,228	4,113	4,108
Tasmania ..	658	614	613	613	613	613
Total ..	27,234	27,053	26,979	26,954	26,847	26,808

## TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.(a)

('000 miles.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,667	1,670	1,841	1,889	1,738
New South Wales ..	30,106	(b) 40,502	(b) 41,369	(b) 38,112	(b) 40,012	(b) 40,193
Victoria ..	17,890	17,352	17,550	14,575	16,973	17,690
Queensland ..	13,927	(c) 17,443	(c) 17,674	(c) 18,562	(c) 18,652	(c) 18,564
South Australia ..	6,177	6,059	6,356	6,379	6,943	7,199
Western Australia ..	6,575	7,037	6,733	7,136	6,802	5,255
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,225	2,080	2,071	2,092	1,990
Total ..	77,483	92,285	93,432	88,676	93,363	92,629

## PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	217	194	186	191	190
New South Wales ..	186,720	263,116	258,183	268,567	268,168	271,699
Victoria ..	142,124	176,555	182,101	141,313	165,131	162,857
Queensland ..	24,639	32,687	32,366	34,145	35,029	35,819
South Australia ..	17,529	18,210	17,385	17,177	18,269	17,565
Western Australia ..	11,415	12,624	11,188	11,543	10,536	6,339
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,295	3,231	3,182	3,186	3,151
Total ..	384,841	506,704	504,648	476,113	500,510	497,620

## GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK CARRIED.

('000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	186	546	549	591	694	660
New South Wales ..	15,417	18,080	16,997	18,324	19,817	19,121
Victoria ..	5,976	8,859	9,125	7,539	9,204	9,192
Queensland ..	5,234	6,888	6,943	7,182	6,823	7,351
South Australia ..	2,640	3,793	3,692	3,794	4,351	4,543
Western Australia ..	2,859	2,737	2,843	3,033	3,063	2,619
Tasmania ..	844	801	770	861	889	897
Total ..	33,156	41,704	40,919	41,324	44,841	44,383

(a) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Partly estimated.

Government Railways—*continued*.

Government.	1938-39.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.
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## GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	547	1,673	1,875	2,153	2,925	2,710
New South Wales ..	19,146	39,663	40,122	49,448	68,910	72,676
Victoria ..	9,274	17,259	20,355	18,651	24,186	31,864
Queensland ..	7,798	15,392	15,988	19,772	23,358	25,985
South Australia ..	3,119	5,849	6,512	7,315	9,457	11,891
Western Australia ..	3,599	5,090	6,292	6,969	8,885	7,667
Tasmania ..	487	1,050	1,049	1,336	1,797	2,039
Total ..	43,970	85,976	92,193	105,644	139,518	154,832

## WORKING EXPENSES.

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	642	1,776	1,979	2,434	2,808	2,728
New South Wales ..	14,543	35,739	39,280	49,168	64,020	66,452
Victoria ..	8,060	17,816	19,984	20,810	29,612	34,008
Queensland ..	6,193	14,163	15,857	19,427	24,646	27,979
South Australia ..	2,931	7,237	8,440	9,992	13,505	15,013
Western Australia ..	2,911	6,612	7,387	8,932	11,016	12,510
Tasmania ..	678	1,613	1,728	2,009	2,567	2,864
Total ..	35,958	84,956	94,655	112,772	148,174	161,554

## NET REVENUE.

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	— 95	— 103	— 104	— 281	117	— 18
New South Wales ..	4,603	3,924	842	280	4,890	6,224
Victoria ..	1,214	— 557	371	— 2,159	— 5,426	— 2,144
Queensland ..	1,605	1,229	131	345	— 1,288	— 1,994
South Australia ..	188	— 1,388	— 1,928	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122
Western Australia ..	688	— 1,522	— 1,095	— 1,963	— 2,131	— 4,843
Tasmania ..	— 191	— 563	— 679	— 673	— 770	— 825
Total ..	8,012	1,020	— 2,462	— 7,128	— 8,656	— 6,722

## RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.

(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	117.43	106.17	105.53	113.04	95.99	100.66
New South Wales ..	75.96	90.11	97.90	99.43	92.90	91.44
Victoria ..	86.91	103.23	98.18	111.58	122.43	106.73
Queensland ..	79.42	92.02	99.18	98.26	105.51	103.67
South Australia ..	93.97	123.74	129.61	136.60	142.81	126.26
Western Australia ..	80.90	129.89	117.40	128.17	123.98	163.18
Tasmania ..	139.18	153.62	164.73	150.35	142.81	140.44
Total ..	81.78	98.81	102.67	106.74	106.20	104.34

(a) Excludes Government Grants.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

## Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1952.								
Miles open ..	2,201	6,113	4,693	6,491	2,553	4,113 (e) 602	613	26,777
Train-miles run '000	422	10,936	4,359	4,852	1,799		492	23,462
Revenue £'000—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	156	4,787	2,395	1,171	422	156	40	9,127
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals	490	11,967	4,318	5,627	2,284	859	411	25,956
Miscellaneous ..	50	(d) 1,615	498	(e)	202	103	8	(f) 2,476
Total Revenue ..	696	(g) 18,369	7,211	6,798	2,908	1,118	459	37,559
Working Expenses £'000	699	17,098	8,737	6,901	3,697	2,469 (h) 601	40,202	
Net Revenue .. £'000	−3	1,271	−1,526	−103	−789	−1,351 −142		−2,643
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	100.34	93.08	121.15	101.52	127.16	220.90	130.99	107.04
Revenue per Train-mile	33s. 0d.	33s. 7d.	33s. 1d.	28s. 0d.	32s. 4d.	37s. 2d.	18s. 8d.	32s. 0d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	33s. 1d.	31s. 3d.	40s. 1d.	28s. 5d.	41s. 1d.	82s. 0d.	24s. 6d.	34s. 3d.
Passenger-journeys '000	43	66,538	43,721	9,430	4,381	575	706	125,394
Freight Carried, '000 tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	125	(i)	(i)	427	269	107	59	(j)
Other Minerals ..	3	(i)	(i)	169	189	43	(k)	(j)
Livestock ..	13	(b) 330	145	218	46	25	5	782
Other Goods ..	45	4,738	2,176	1,229	602	189	151	9,130
Total Freight ..	186	5,068	2,321	2,043	1,106	364	215	11,303

## THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1953.

Miles open ..	2,201	6,113	4,660	6,491	2,553	4,108	613	26,739
Train-miles run '000	524	10,702	4,480	5,143	1,844	1,730	470	24,893
Revenue £'000—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	215	4,906	2,595	1,267	442	291	48	9,764
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals	600	13,676	5,382	6,756	2,502	1,815	449	31,180
Miscellaneous ..	69	(d) 220	510	(e)	198	138	14	(f) 1,149
Total Revenue ..	884	(g) 18,802	8,487	8,023	3,142	2,244	511	42,093
Working Expenses £'000	750	16,014	8,635	7,176	3,681	3,302 (h) 684		40,242
Net Revenue .. £'000	134	2,788	−148	847	−539	−1,058 −173		1,851
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	84.85	85.17	101.75	89.44	117.15	142.68	133.80	95.60
Revenue per Train-mile	33s. 9d.	35s. 2d.	37s. 1d.	31s. 3d.	34s. 1d.	25s. 11d.	21s. 9d.	33s. 10d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	28s. 8d.	29s. 11d.	38s. 7d.	27s. 11d.	39s. 11d.	38s. 2d.	29s. 1d.	32s. 4d.
Passenger-journeys '000	52	68,479	41,160	9,596	4,397	2,174	820	126,678
Freight Carried, '000 tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	123	(i)	(i)	431	271	134	61	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	167	185	71	(k)	(j)
Livestock ..	26	(l) 360	(ii)	222	50	31	4	804
Other Goods ..	50	5,173	2,009	1,700	688	505	170	10,295
Total Freight ..	201	5,533	2,120	2,520	1,194	741	235	12,544

(a) Excludes South Brisbane—Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) Operations affected by industrial dispute. (d) From sale of electrical energy only; earnings reduced as from 1st January, 1953, owing to transfer of Power Stations to Electricity Commission of New South Wales. Other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Incomplete. (g) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (h) Excludes depreciation. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

## ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles Run.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
1952-53.						
New South Wales ..	126	18,134	210,173	5,245	(c) 7,285	- 2,040
Victoria ..	174	24,341	225,213	5,463	5,359	104
Queensland ..	67	9,839	107,891	2,171	2,137	34
South Australia ..	96	8,020	57,926	1,851	2,371	- 520
Western Australia ..	33	2,565	20,611	588	673	- 85
Tasmania (d) ..	48	2,996	25,603	650	595	55
Total 1952-53 ..	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	- 2,452
1951-52 (d)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	- 1,988
1950-51 (e)	567	71,746	749,138	13,610	14,553	- 943
1949-50 (e)	555	72,708	754,483	11,785	12,477	- 692
1948-49 (e)	588	81,530	875,922	12,239	12,211	28
1938-39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes estimate of administrative charges. (d) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (e) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

## MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

State or Territory and Year.	Route- mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus- mileage.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)	
1952-53.						
New South Wales ..	466	30,928	207,611	5,392	(c) 7,341	
Victoria ..	69	8,075	61,045	1,489	1,593	
Queensland ..	409	5,652	32,483	805	849	
South Australia ..	27	1,984	8,645	265	395	
Western Australia ..	2,984	7,058	24,949	1,045	911	
Tasmania (d) ..	533	1,128	1,729	199	191	
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	45	847	(e)	125	185	
Total 1952-53 ..	4,533	55,672	336,462	9,320	11,465	
1951-52 ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298	
1950-51(f) ..	3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234	
1949-50(f) ..	3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743	
1948-49(f) ..	3,268	48,839	309,096	5,433	5,872	

PRIVATE. (g)  
1952-53.

New South Wales ..	(e)	20,613	87,274	2,347	2,272
Victoria ..	(e)	17,548	84,006	1,839	(e)
South Australia ..	(e)	5,972	12,816	633	(e)
Western Australia ..	(e)	11,976	34,592	1,576	1,437
Total 1952-53 ..	(e)	56,109	218,688	6,395	(e)
1951-52 ..	(e)	53,600	221,907	5,968	(e)
1950-51 ..	(e)	56,189	230,184	5,088	(e)
1949-50 ..	(e)	55,561	227,812	4,581	(e)
1948-49 ..	(e)	51,676	200,937	4,033	(e)

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes estimate of administrative charges. (d) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services. (e) Not available. (f) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services. (g) Includes New South Wales, Metropolitan and Newcastle Transport Districts only; Victoria, metropolitan area only as from year ended 31st December, 1949; South Australia, whole State; Western Australia, whole State.

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Com- mer- cial Ve- hicles, etc.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscel- laneous.	Total.
		No.	No.	No.					
1952-53.									
New South Wales	364,982	203,472	45,100	613,554	870,048	7,675,145	674,688	1,709,102	10,058,935
Victoria	376,123	130,172	33,533	539,828	645,962	4,474,032	322,990	878,284	5,675,306
Queensland	132,704	110,117	23,400	266,221	280,943	3,556,440	110,931	788,830	4,456,201
South Australia	124,127	57,796	23,779	205,702	243,844	1,525,338	186,791	47,740	1,759,869
Western Australia	69,917	56,463	15,565	141,945	159,589	1,018,519	63,544	144,192	1,226,255
Tasmania	35,431	19,391	5,723	60,545	72,306	484,267	36,153	139,819	660,239
Northern Territory	1,580	2,881	691	5,152	5,746	8,725	2,655	..	11,380
Australian Capital Territory	4,375	2,933	539	6,947	9,982	37,295	5,267	468	43,030
Total 1952-53	110,923	582,325	148,330	1,839,894	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52 ..	103,235	583,247	154,579	1,770,184	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,989,350
1950-51 ..	883,610	551,057	145,684	1,580,351	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,160
1949-50 ..	768,558	501,721	133,970	1,404,258	1,845,265	9,596,034	862,509	1,811,989	12,270,532
1948-49 ..	655,497	452,147	117,133	1,224,777	1,700,008	8,276,780	713,509	1,442,796	10,433,085
1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1953.									
Motor Cars ..	382,785	376,412	139,520	129,663	73,923	37,344	1,809	4,803	1,146,259
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	209,510	126,427	113,584	61,224	57,605	19,535	3,033	2,147	593,015
Motor Cycles ..	44,072	31,128	23,246	23,383	15,028	5,624	735	548	143,764
Total .. ..	636,367	533,967	276,300	214,270	146,556	62,503	5,577	7,498	1,883,038
At 30th June, 1953 .. ..	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	5,152	6,947	1,839,804
" " " 1952 .. ..	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	182,907	55,104	4,757	6,260	1,770,184
" " " 1951 .. ..	544,345	444,400	240,784	173,043	118,692	49,173	4,391	5,523	1,580,351
" " " 1950 .. ..	478,071	403,965	121,919	153,252	104,735	43,160	3,796	4,360	1,404,258
" " " 1939 .. ..	319,015	261,855	123,163	90,756	69,670	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1953.									
Motor Cars .. ..	21,509	17,158	8,126	6,618	4,875	2,392	61	343	61,072
Commercial Vehicles, &c. .. ..	11,024	6,295	5,376	3,018	2,822	946	109	103	29,693
Motor Cycles .. ..	1,463	1,206	917	898	626	226	39	21	5,396
Total .. ..	33,996	24,654	14,419	10,529	8,323	3,564	209	467	96,161
Year—1952-53 .. ..	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	..	688	156,610
1951-52 .. ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	..	817	220,935
1950-51 .. ..	85,065	61,566	34,456	25,422	17,740	7,466	..	1,040	232,755
1949-50 .. ..	70,316	56,001	27,382	23,450	16,137	5,762	..	682	190,740
1938-39 .. ..	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	6,046	3,060	..	327	86,404

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars. Defence Service vehicles are excluded.

Prior to 12th November, 1951, Primary Producers' Vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

## CIVIL AVIATION.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Three months ended September—	
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.

## REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES, ACCIDENTS, ETC.

Registered Aircraft Owners(a)	..	149	351	343	369	342	366
Registered Aircraft(a)	..	296	838	786	821	792	819
Pilots' Licences—(a)							
Private	..	1,096	1,065	1,444	1,677	1,580	1,769
Commercial	..	346	441	470	518	490	509
Airline Transport	..		887	948	911	949	902
Flight Navigators' Licences(a)	..	(b) 59	139	155	163	163	162
Radio Operators' Licences—(a)							
1st Class Flight Radio Telegraphy							
Operator	..	(c) 75	96	98	93	98	93
Radio Telephony Operator	..		1,024	1,124	1,163	1,150	1,158
Flight Engineers' Licences—(a)			39	53	58	59	56
Ground Engineers' Licences(a)	..	525	1,643	1,720	1,790	1,753	1,778
Aerodromes—(a)							
Government	..	71	184	189	186	188	185
Public	..	213	239	269	260	253	261
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas	..	11	11	11	15	13	15
Accidents—							
Persons Killed	..	38	13	37	6	3	..
Persons Injured..	..	15	36	22	19	2	..

## REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES: OPERATIONS.

			(d)				
Hours flown	..	No.	39,312	252,333	260,947	237,640	58,217
Miles flown	..	'000	5,302	40,680	41,831	39,059	9,524
Paying passengers	..		41	1,685	1,820	1,706	387
Paying passenger-miles	..	"	22,423	669,087	721,573	667,321	156,582
Freight—							
Actual tons(e)	..	tons	438	59,362	57,464	57,635	12,116
Ton-miles(e)	..	'000	(f)	27,102	26,684	27,167	5,824
Mail—							
Actual tons(e)	..	tons	(g) 72	3,233	2,682	3,311	634
Ton-miles(e)	..	'000	(f)	1,493	1,285	1,166	302

## OVERSEA SERVICES: OPERATIONS.(h)

Route-miles(a)	..	No.	6,985	43,633	43,455	66,558	53,034	71,913
Hours flown	..	"	12,686	48,947	50,336	54,148	13,352	14,090
Miles flown	..	'000	1,736	10,500	10,664	11,565	2,857	2,954
Paying passengers	..	No.	5,350	87,599	95,134	97,753	23,869	28,663
Paying passenger-miles	..	'000	7,335	241,817	265,756	275,206	70,929	73,111
Freight—								
Actual tons(e)	..	tons	7	2,213	2,138	1,957	417	725
Ton-miles(e)	..	'000	(f)	6,960	6,716	7,401	1,529	2,074
Mail—								
Actual tons(e)	..	tons	(f)	948	1,141	1,168	236	328
Ton-miles(e)	..	'000	(f)	5,367	6,162	6,122	1,187	1,529

(a) At 30th June. (b) Navigators' licences. (c) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators. (d) Includes oversea services of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd., and related to subsidized services only. (e) In terms of Short Tons (2,000 lb.). (f) Not available. (g) Net weight. (h) Excludes particulars for Canadian Pacific Airways, K.L.M. and Pan-American Airways.

**TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.**  
(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1953.
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	
Lines connected ..	487,535	864,088	927,273	985,383	1,020,082
Instruments connected ..	681,996	1,209,406	1,300,790	1,383,702	1,432,776

**WIRELESS—BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.**  
(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
"    " 1949(a) ..	706,452	531,722	261,054	212,416	130,200	68,088	1,919,022
"    " 1950(d) ..	748,268	557,556	274,279	227,911	149,328	72,286	2,029,628
"    " 1951(d) ..	753,758	586,393	288,019	244,311	159,436	77,743	2,109,660
"    " 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
"    " 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
31st Dec., 1953 ..	733,239	523,862	281,327	215,096	145,185	69,655	1,968,364

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Papua. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Includes separate licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.**

(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported. (a).	Accidents involving Casualties. (b).	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.(c)		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1953.

New South Wales ..	14,307	5,702	356	103	56	7,031	2,025	1,104
Victoria ..	7,782	4,899	226	94	42	6,118	2,544	1,146
Queensland ..	8,522	3,236	150	118	54	4,058	3,195	1,469
South Australia ..	4,865	1,227	69	90	32	1,544	2,016	721
Western Australia(d) ..	4,288	1,434	89	140	61	1,784	2,814	1,217
Tasmania ..	1,914	467	32	99	51	546	1,690	874
Australian Capital Territory ..	152	82	4	129	53	100	3,228	1,334
Total six months ended 31st December, 1953(e) ..	41,830	17,047	926	104	49	21,181	2,380	1,128
Year 1952-53(e) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	21	10	39,405	451	214
" 1951-52(e) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	24	12	38,376	450	217
" 1950-51(e) ..	57,261	28,760	1,926	23	12	35,095	423	223

(a) Total accidents causing death or injury to persons, or damage exceeding £10 to property.  
 (b) Accidents involving persons killed and persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.  
 (c) Persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.  
 (d) Prior to 1st January, 1953, details for Western Australia include for the Metropolitan area all accidents causing death or injury to persons or damage exceeding £10 to property and for the remainder of the State, only those accidents causing fatal or "near-fatal" injuries. Since that date, however, Western Australia has been on a comparable basis with the other States. (e) Excludes Northern Territory.

## Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

## TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1948	214	156	128	136	150	90	10	21	(a) 364
1949	212	150	125	138	152	97	12	21	(a) 349
1950	222	152	128	138	156	98	14	28	(a) 360
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(a) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(a) 360

## NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1948	596,867	370,886	238,597	119,082	87,834	36,767	2,293	3,482	1,455,808
1949	606,139	382,503	259,339	127,292	97,706	40,700	2,860	4,375	1,520,914
1950	642,145	406,317	262,536	137,504	103,582	45,044	2,438	5,728	1,605,344
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

NOTE.—The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, etc.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, etc.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. The tables, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns.

## Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	Unemployed.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1948	380	761,104	6,533	0.9
1949	377	790,630	(c) 15,342	2.0
1950	375	827,106		0.8
1951	374	860,525		0.7
1952(e)	366	856,126	24,247	2.9
1932—June (d)	Quarter	396	413,742	124,068
1952—March (e)	“	366	862,607	9,078
June (e)	“	366	857,126	19,023
September (e)	“	366	844,848	33,967
December (e)	“	366	859,925	34,920
1953—March (e)	“	366	851,889	28,915
June (e)	“	365	853,668	26,417

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in the middle month of each quarter. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 113.

(c) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the dispute in the coal-mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded. (d) Peak of unemployment.

(e) Subject to revision.

## Unemployment in Trade Unions(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1939	..	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1948	..	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9
1949(b)	..	3.2	0.7	0.9	2.3	0.9	0.6	2.0
1950	..	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.8
1951	..	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
1952(d)	..	3.2	3.1	1.8	2.5	1.5	3.7	2.9
1932—June (c)	Quarter	..	38.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5
1952—March (d)	"	..	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1
June (d)	"	..	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.4
September (d)	"	..	4.2	4.9	2.5	3.8	2.4	5.2
December (d)	"	..	4.8	4.8	1.8	3.2	1.5	4.1
1953—March (d)	"	..	3.9	3.8	2.2	2.8	1.6	4.7
June (d)	"	..	3.5	3.7	2.0	2.4	1.2	3.3

(a) See Note to table on previous page. (b) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the dispute in the coal-mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.  
 (c) Peak of unemployment. (d) Subject to revision.

## Unemployment in Trade Unions(a)—Australia—Percentage in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1952.			1953.	
	June Qtr.(b)	June Qtr.(c)	Sept. Qtr.(c)	Dec. Qtr. (c)	Mar. Qtr.(c)	June Qtr.(c)
<b>Manufacturing—</b>						
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	1.6	4.3	6.3	5.5	4.1
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. ..	39.9	1.6	2.6	1.8	2.1	1.5
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	3.6	6.3	6.2	4.8	4.8
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	22.6	2.9	3.9	1.9	1.1	1.2
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.3	1.7	1.3	0.5	0.3
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	5.2	10.4	12.9	9.2	7.6
VII. Building ..	42.1	2.1	3.8	5.8	5.6	6.4
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.4	2.4
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	5.6	5.7	6.7	2.6	1.2
IX., XI., XIII., and XIV. Other (d) ..	22.2	1.1	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.8
All Groups ..	30.0	2.2	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.1

(a) See Note to table on previous page. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Subject to revision. (d) For titles of industrial groups, see page 96.

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 64.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1946-47	1,754	1,578	4,665	200	1,095	79	9,371
1947-48	664	150	2,632	51	409	33	3,939
1948-49	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	1,573
1949-50	10,728	128	1,578	326	287	30	13,057
1950-51	293	90	320	6	60	15	784
1951-52	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	2,391
1952-53	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	29,510
Quarter ended—							
December, 1951	166	91	617	4	35	3	916
March, 1952	503	60	2,396	6	53	5	3,023
June, "	2,302	430	2,233	52	98	30	5,145
September, "	10,775	4,842	2,442	662	738	233	19,692
December, "	20,400	7,518	3,290	1,082	964	335	33,589
March, 1953	21,766	6,556	6,322	990	997	213	36,844
June, "	16,187	5,539	4,688	631	675	245	27,915
September, "	12,813	5,563	2,909	610	733	421	23,049
December, "	6,713	2,919	2,630	259	423	267	13,211

## SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1946-47	3,033	2,137	901	842	681	381	7,975
1947-48	3,299	2,228	1,062	791	691	430	8,501
1948-49	3,018	1,928	978	709	600	395	7,628
1949-50	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	7,552
1950-51	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	7,125
1951-52	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	6,486
1952-53	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	7,054
Quarter ended—							
December, 1951	2,669	1,602	948	706	447	222	6,594
March, 1952	2,385	1,510	904	679	462	195	6,135
June, "	2,473	1,493	916	647	426	198	6,153
September, "	2,567	1,602	919	680	424	222	6,414
December, "	2,920	1,543	1,041	622	402	225	6,753
March, 1953	3,213	1,723	1,038	667	423	217	7,281
June, "	3,262	1,956	1,109	713	482	245	7,767
September, "	3,525	2,121	1,251	735	504	269	8,405
December, "	3,413	2,031	1,263	734	493	246	8,180

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1946-47, 396; 1947-48, 494; 1948-49, 574; 1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863  
1951-52, 987 and 1952-53, 1,372. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

**WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)**  
('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- ment- al Au- thor- ties. (b)	Private Em- ployers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fact- ories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Com- mu- ni- ca- tion.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.	Pro- fes- sional and Per- sonal Ser- vices. (d)
				MALES.						
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1951—June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4	171.7
1952—June	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2	173.2
1953—June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	58.0	666.3	193.2	295.1	125.0	191.0	174.1
1952—July	577.5	1,316.5	1,894.0	59.3	655.3	209.9	299.3	124.0	188.7	172.2
Aug.	574.9	1,306.9	1,881.8	59.4	650.0	204.8	297.5	123.4	188.1	172.1
Sept.	572.3	1,298.6	1,870.9	59.8	645.0	200.5	295.0	122.7	188.9	171.8
Oct.	567.5	1,301.6	1,869.1	59.8	646.1	197.1	295.2	122.8	190.3	172.2
Nov.	565.1	1,300.6	1,865.7	59.8	645.5	194.5	294.3	124.0	190.0	172.2
Dec.	564.5	1,299.4	1,863.9	59.5	644.0	191.8	293.8	126.5	189.8	172.8
1953—July	566.1	1,316.3	1,882.4	58.5	667.2	191.2	293.7	124.3	189.6	173.7
Aug.	566.8	1,319.4	1,886.2	58.3	669.0	190.3	295.5	124.5	190.4	174.0
Sept.	566.7	1,323.6	1,890.3	58.5	671.4	189.7	295.7	124.8	191.8	174.1
Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	58.3	675.3	190.6	296.4	125.5	193.4	174.6
Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	58.5	679.4	191.4	296.5	127.8	194.2	175.2
Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	58.4	678.1	191.8	296.4	131.7	194.7	175.8
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1951—June	113.9	604.9	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3	214.7
1952—June	115.3	564.1	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9	215.0
1953—June	112.0	561.7	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5	213.5
1952—July	115.5	558.7	674.2	0.9	196.2	4.3	38.9	111.5	72.4	214.3
Aug.	114.9	553.1	668.0	0.9	193.4	4.4	38.4	109.7	71.8	213.8
Sept.	113.8	552.1	665.9	0.9	192.3	4.4	37.9	109.1	71.9	214.1
Oct.	112.6	553.0	665.6	0.9	193.6	4.3	37.4	109.2	71.6	213.8
Nov.	112.2	554.7	666.9	0.9	194.0	4.3	37.2	111.0	71.6	213.1
Dec.	111.2	557.9	669.1	0.9	192.3	4.2	36.9	115.5	71.3	213.3
1953—July	112.5	562.8	675.3	0.9	204.2	4.4	36.2	109.8	71.7	213.1
Aug.	112.5	565.0	677.5	0.9	205.1	4.4	36.0	109.7	72.4	214.0
Sept.	112.4	569.1	681.5	0.9	207.7	4.5	36.1	110.2	72.5	214.7
Oct.	111.8	574.5	686.3	0.9	211.1	4.5	36.0	111.5	72.7	215.3
Nov.	111.9	582.7	694.6	0.9	212.3	4.5	36.0	116.7	73.2	215.6
Dec.	111.3	590.0	701.3	0.9	213.9	4.5	35.8	122.4	73.5	215.9
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1951—June	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7	386.4
1952—June	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	388.2
1953—June	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	58.9	869.2	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	387.6
1952—July	693.0	1,875.2	2,568.2	60.2	851.5	214.2	338.2	235.5	261.1	386.5
Aug.	689.8	1,860.0	2,549.8	60.3	843.4	209.2	335.9	233.1	259.9	385.9
Sept.	686.1	1,850.7	2,536.8	60.7	837.3	204.9	332.9	231.8	260.8	385.9
Oct.	680.1	1,854.6	2,534.7	60.7	839.7	201.4	332.6	232.0	261.9	386.0
Nov.	677.3	1,855.3	2,532.6	60.7	839.5	198.8	331.5	235.0	261.6	385.3
Dec.	675.7	1,857.3	2,533.0	60.4	836.3	196.0	330.7	242.0	261.1	386.1
1953—July	678.6	1,879.1	2,557.7	59.4	871.4	195.6	329.9	234.1	261.3	386.8
Aug.	679.3	1,884.4	2,563.7	59.2	874.1	194.7	331.5	234.2	262.8	388.0
Sept.	679.1	1,892.7	2,571.8	59.4	879.1	194.2	331.8	235.0	264.3	388.8
Oct.	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	59.2	886.4	195.1	332.4	237.0	266.1	389.9
Nov.	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.4	892.6	195.9	332.5	244.5	267.4	390.8
Dec.	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	59.3	892.0	196.3	332.2	254.1	268.2	391.7

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

**WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)**  
(‘000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1949—May ..	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
1950—June ..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—June ..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1952—July ..	748.2	520.2	256.9	170.5	125.2	60.3	4.4	8.3	1,894.0
Aug. ..	741.1	517.2	255.6	169.4	125.6	60.1	4.4	8.4	1,881.8
Sept. ..	735.3	514.7	254.9	168.5	125.2	59.5	4.4	8.4	1,870.9
Oct. ..	730.3	516.7	255.0	168.3	126.3	59.7	4.4	8.4	1,869.1
Nov. ..	728.8	515.4	254.5	168.1	126.3	59.9	4.3	8.4	1,865.7
Dec. ..	727.1	516.8	251.8	168.0	126.7	60.6	4.4	8.5	1,863.9
1953—July ..	733.0	520.4	254.7	169.4	130.5	61.3	4.7	8.4	1,882.4
Aug. ..	733.3	521.9	256.1	170.2	130.3	61.1	4.8	8.5	1,886.2
Sept. ..	735.3	522.4	256.0	171.3	130.9	61.1	4.8	8.5	1,890.3
Oct. ..	740.0	525.2	255.0	171.8	131.4	61.3	4.8	8.3	1,897.8
Nov. ..	745.0	527.1	255.4	172.8	131.9	61.3	4.8	8.3	1,906.6
Dec. ..	747.8	529.6	252.5	173.2	132.6	61.9	4.9	8.3	1,910.8
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1949—May ..	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
1950—June ..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	678.7
1952—July ..	267.9	205.1	83.7	54.1	40.4	19.7	0.8	2.5	674.2
Aug. ..	265.3	202.9	83.8	53.3	40.1	19.3	0.8	2.5	668.0
Sept. ..	263.8	202.7	83.7	53.0	40.3	19.1	0.8	2.5	665.9
Oct. ..	263.6	203.0	83.3	53.0	40.4	19.1	0.8	2.4	665.6
Nov. ..	264.0	203.5	83.6	52.8	40.6	19.2	0.8	2.4	666.9
Dec. ..	264.5	203.6	84.1	53.4	40.7	19.5	0.9	2.4	669.1
1953—July ..	266.8	206.5	83.9	53.6	41.2	19.9	0.9	2.5	675.3
Aug. ..	268.1	206.8	84.2	53.9	41.3	19.8	0.9	2.5	677.5
Sept. ..	269.8	208.6	84.4	54.2	41.4	19.7	0.9	2.5	681.5
Oct. ..	272.2	210.0	84.5	54.5	41.8	19.9	0.9	2.5	686.3
Nov. ..	276.8	212.2	84.5	55.3	42.2	20.2	0.9	2.5	694.6
Dec. ..	278.8	214.6	85.1	56.2	42.6	20.6	0.9	2.5	701.3
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1949—May ..	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
1950—June ..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—June ..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1952—July ..	1,016.1	725.3	340.6	224.6	165.6	80.0	5.2	10.8	2,568.2
Aug. ..	1,006.4	720.1	339.4	222.7	165.7	79.4	5.2	10.9	2,549.8
Sept. ..	999.1	717.4	338.6	221.5	165.5	78.6	5.2	10.9	2,536.8
Oct. ..	993.9	719.7	338.3	221.3	166.7	78.8	5.2	10.8	2,534.7
Nov. ..	992.8	718.9	338.1	220.9	166.9	79.1	5.1	10.8	2,532.6
Dec. ..	991.6	720.4	335.9	221.4	167.4	80.1	5.3	10.9	2,533.0
1953—July ..	999.8	726.9	338.6	223.0	171.7	81.2	5.6	10.9	2,557.7
Aug. ..	1,001.4	728.7	340.3	224.1	171.6	80.9	5.7	11.0	2,563.7
Sept. ..	1,005.1	731.0	340.4	225.5	172.3	80.8	5.7	11.0	2,571.8
Oct. ..	1,012.2	735.2	339.5	226.3	173.2	81.2	5.7	10.8	2,584.1
Nov. ..	1,021.8	739.3	339.9	228.1	174.1	81.5	5.7	10.8	2,601.2
Dec. ..	1,026.6	744.2	337.6	229.4	175.2	82.5	5.8	10.8	2,612.1

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp.  
See also notes on previous page.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.			Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
							Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)			
1938-39(b)	..	'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2	1,031 1,022
1948-49(b)(c)	..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598 1,408
1949-50(b)(c)	..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.0	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624 1,386
1950-51(b)(c)	..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701 1,408
1951-52(b)(c)	..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703 1,369
1952-53(b)(c)	..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617 1,268
1952-53—											
October	..	347.0	275.3	82.7	76.0	38.1	20.6	646.1	193.6	839.7	1,597 1,258
November	..	347.4	274.8	82.6	75.8	38.2	20.7	645.5	194.0	839.5	1,597 1,256
December	..	345.5	274.5	80.5	76.4	38.2	21.2	644.0	192.3	836.3	1,591 1,249
January	..	346.6	276.2	78.7	76.1	38.4	21.8	644.1	193.7	837.8	1,593 1,247
February	..	351.6	281.5	80.9	77.8	38.9	21.9	652.9	199.7	852.6	1,622 1,268
March	..	354.9	285.1	81.9	78.1	39.5	22.1	657.7	203.9	861.6	1,630 1,278
April	..	356.3	285.1	82.7	78.4	39.8	22.2	661.3	203.2	864.5	1,644 1,280
May	..	357.6	285.2	83.3	78.1	39.9	22.2	663.5	202.8	866.3	1,648 1,282
June	..	358.2	286.0	84.7	78.4	39.9	22.0	666.3	202.9	869.2	1,653 1,284
1953-54—											
July	..	358.7	286.9	85.9	78.3	39.9	21.7	667.2	204.2	871.4	1,657 1,286
August	..	359.4	287.9	86.5	79.0	39.9	21.4	669.0	205.1	874.1	1,662 1,290
September	..	362.3	289.7	86.1	79.6	39.9	21.5	671.4	207.7	879.1	1,672 1,296
October	..	367.1	292.3	85.2	80.1	40.0	21.7	675.3	211.1	880.4	1,686 1,306
November	..	370.2	294.3	85.2	80.9	40.2	21.8	679.4	213.2	892.6	1,698 1,313
December	..	370.5	294.1	82.5	82.3	40.3	22.3	678.1	213.9	892.0	1,696 1,310

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population. monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948,

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)  
('000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1948-49(c)	..	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.0	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50(c)	..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51(c)	..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52(c)	..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c)	..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1952-53—										
October	..	88.9	65.3	29.7	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.8	109.2	232.0
November	..	90.3	66.2	30.1	22.5	18.0	7.2	124.0	111.0	235.0
December	..	93.6	68.1	30.8	22.7	18.6	7.5	126.5	115.5	242.0
January	..	90.2	66.1	30.2	22.2	18.1	7.4	124.4	110.4	234.8
February	..	89.8	66.1	30.0	22.2	18.1	7.2	124.2	109.9	234.1
March	..	89.8	66.2	29.8	21.8	17.9	7.3	123.9	109.6	233.5
April	..	89.7	66.0	29.9	22.4	18.2	7.3	124.5	109.6	234.1
May	..	89.9	66.2	30.0	22.3	18.3	7.3	124.8	109.9	234.7
June	..	89.9	66.1	30.2	22.6	18.4	7.2	125.0	109.9	234.9
1953-54—										
July	..	89.8	65.4	30.2	22.4	18.4	7.3	124.3	109.8	234.1
August	..	90.1	65.4	30.1	22.4	18.3	7.3	124.5	109.7	234.2
September	..	90.1	65.8	30.2	22.6	18.4	7.2	124.8	110.2	235.0
October	..	90.9	66.4	30.4	22.7	18.7	7.3	125.5	111.5	237.0
November	..	95.2	67.7	31.0	23.5	19.0	7.6	127.8	116.7	244.5
December	..	99.1	71.7	31.8	23.4	19.7	7.9	131.7	122.4	254.1

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Average of monthly figures.

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1953(b) ..	1,080	302,007	6,375	308,382	758,415	976	759,391	2,403,242
1952—Dec. Qtr.	255	47,858	750	48,608	86,978	12,790	99,768	316,687
1953—Mar. .. (b)	326	51,850	261	52,111	125,962	976	126,938	406,657
June ..	249	80,014	3,493	83,507	145,870	110,768	256,638	828,420
Sept. ..	287	105,159	1,975	107,134	241,318	32,474	273,792	850,706
Dec. ..	218	64,984	646	65,630	99,515	2,508	102,023	317,459

## VICTORIA.

Year—1953 ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	..	57,160	176,330
1952—Dec. Qtr.	6	1,634	1,079	2,713	15,274	..	15,274	67,330
1953—Mar. ..	13	5,544	52	5,596	4,908	..	4,908	15,050
June ..	10	8,214	2,008	10,222	11,618	213	11,881	29,174
Sept. ..	13	31,746	93	31,839	24,332	..	24,332	78,070
Dec. ..	17	20,458	11	20,469	13,856	2,233	16,089	54,036

## QUEENSLAND.

Year—1953 ..	265	87,986	3,511	91,497	153,448	..	153,448	465,830
1952—Dec. Qtr.	35	5,267	562	5,829	8,912	330	9,242	30,415
1953—Mar. ..	53	19,073	15	19,088	17,491	..	17,491	54,426
June ..	62	21,030	1,942	22,972	52,392	351	52,743	153,168
Sept. ..	67	26,723	940	27,663	39,449	2,932	42,381	133,065
Dec. ..	83	21,160	614	21,774	33,657	7,176	40,823	125,171

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1953(b) ..	24	18,502	190	18,692	24,676	30,800	55,476	200,610
1952—Dec. Qtr.	4	3,332	62	3,394	10,550	..	10,550	38,611
1953—Mar. .. (b)	8	6,621	146	6,767	4,571	30,800	35,371	136,982
June ..	5	2,900	..	2,900	3,255	..	3,255	9,391
Sept. ..	6	8,020	44	8,064	16,182	..	16,182	52,096
Dec. ..	5	961	..	961	668	..	668	2,141

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1953 ..	11	3,665	..	3,665	4,977	..	4,977	15,663
1952—Dec. Qtr.	5	463	..	463	507	..	507	1,538
1953—Mar. ..	5	3,015	..	3,015	4,435	..	4,435	14,001
June ..	4	434	..	434	431	..	431	1,327
Sept. ..	1	129	..	129	64	..	64	185
Dec. ..	1	87	..	87	47	..	47	150

## TASMANIA.

Year—1953 ..	18	5,069	6	5,075	18,441	..	18,441	68,259
1952—Dec. Qtr.	12	3,133	..	3,133	5,372	..	5,372	17,047
1953—Mar. ..	3	260	..	260	382	..	382	1,241
June ..	9	2,613	..	2,613	7,640	..	7,640	24,832
Sept. ..	3	1,746	..	1,746	1,141	..	1,141	3,681
Dec. ..	3	450	6	456	9,278	..	9,278	38,505

## AUSTRALIA.(c)

Year—1953(b) ..	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,019,054	31,776	1,050,830	3,337,437
1952—Dec. Qtr.	318	61,707	2,453	64,160	127,633	13,120	140,753	471,733
1953—Mar. .. (b)	408	86,363	474	86,837	157,749	31,776	189,525	628,357
June ..	341	115,345	7,443	122,788	221,338	111,332	332,670	1,046,738
Sept. ..	382	173,872	3,052	176,924	324,191	35,406	359,597	1,124,562
Dec. ..	328	108,220	1,277	109,497	157,111	11,927	169,058	537,780

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1952. (c) Includes disputes in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Manufacturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
			(i) Coal- mining.	(ii) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1939	..	20	3	362	4	6	21
1949	..	68	3	644	3	122	9
1950	..	118	21	953	3	159	22
1951	..	142	25	912	4	242	19
1952	..	164	27	1,219	7	202	8
1953	..	143	41	944	6	311	14
WORKPEOPLES INVOLVED.							
1939	..	8,818	57	137,792	900	2,017	3,246
1949	..	25,358	284	146,948	928	78,165	12,894
1950	..	80,994	10,768	178,734	3,638	150,462	7,105
1951	..	71,606	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,138
1952	..	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134
1953	..	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783
WORKING DAYS LOST.							
1939	..	108,709	563	291,067	3,805	35,016	19,994
1949	..	243,197	573	868,333	39,152	147,278	35,457
1950	..	231,684	18,219	283,543	18,204	1,492,195	19,043
1951	..	307,173	23,750	336,447	36,255	165,437	3,912
1952	..	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655
1953	..	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)							
1939	..	83,540	424	335,033	4,728	22,114	9,877
1949	..	445,303	1,171	1,741,238	80,300	280,056	63,468
1950	..	418,245	37,817	616,094	86,261	2,977,558	30,443
1951	..	752,319	59,961	863,928	189,200	332,435	8,185
1952	..	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567
1953	..	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653

## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1948-49	..	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580
1949-50	..	9,018	6,370	2,833	1,894	1,315	672
1950-51	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817
1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059
1952-53	..	16,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178
1952-53—	December	Qtr.	15,729	11,017	5,003	3,454	2,394
	March	"	14,241	9,932	4,501	3,147	2,288
	June	"	15,456	10,828	4,837	3,401	2,413
1953-54—	September	Qtr.	15,654	11,059	4,970	3,483	2,560
	December	"	16,753	11,748	5,225	3,640	2,672

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(e)  
(£.)

1948-49	..	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	..	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1952-53—	December	Qtr.	16.24	16.30	13.99	15.30	14.55	14.13
	March	"	14.70	14.60	12.76	13.91	13.75	13.83
	June	"	15.84	15.86	13.55	14.86	14.31	14.52
1953-54—	September	Qtr.	16.01	16.18	13.81	15.19	15.08	14.45
	December	"	16.87	16.99	14.58	15.81	15.60	15.23

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES  
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st December, 1953.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c...{	Weekly Wage	285/2	275/4	255/3	270/5	285/5	281/7	276/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/1½	6/10½	6/4½	6/9½	7/1½	7/0½	6/11
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	279/10	271/1	261/2	267/5	286/11	282/10	274/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/0	6/9½	6/6½	6/8½	7/2	7/0½	6/10½
III. Food, Drink, &c. .{	Weekly Wage	282/10	284/9	262/5	280/9	280/1	291/7	279/5
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	7/0½	7/1½	6/6½	7/0½	7/0	7/3½	6/11½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. {	Weekly Wage	276/6	278/3	284/4	284/4	287/7	275/7	278/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	6/11	6/11½	7/1½	7/1½	7/2½	6/10½	6/11½
V. Books, Printing, &c. .{	Weekly Wage	319/10	313/8	296/4	307/1	315/2	324/0	313/11
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	8/0	7/11½	7/5	7/8	8/4½	8/1½	7/10½
VI. Other Manufacturing ..{	Weekly Wage	283/10	274/2	254/3	273/11	281/7	283/11	276/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/1½	6/10½	6/4½	6/10½	7/0½	7/1½	6/11
VII. Building .. .{	Weekly Wage	313/0	297/10	281/4	287/7	302/7	298/9	301/3
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	7/10	7/5½	7/0½	7/2½	7/6½	7/5½	7/6½
VIII. Mining (d) .. .{	Weekly Wage	290/2	283/9	271/9	272/1	e207/3	286/11	288/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	7/3	7/1	6/9½	6/9½	8/0½	7/2	7/3
IX. Rail and Tram Services {	Weekly Wage	286/0	279/0	262/7	267/4	280/1	281/5	278/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/1½	6/11½	6/6½	6/8½	7/0	7/0½	6/11½
X. Other Land Transport {	Weekly Wage	279/11	265/6	251/8	261/8	279/8	274/4	270/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/0	6/7½	6/3½	6/6½	7/0	6/10½	6/9
XI. Shipping, &c. ..	Weekly Wage <sup>e</sup>	307/2	311/9	307/8	309/4	309/8	310/9	308/9
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage <sup>f</sup>	339/11	303/6	305/8	303/7	315/4	333/1	319/8
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. {	Weekly Wage <sup>g</sup>	270/8	263/10	240/6	250/3	264/0	262/5	262/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage <sup>g</sup>	6/9½	6/7½	6/0½	6/3	6/7½	6/6½	6/6½
XIV. Miscellaneous .. .{	Weekly Wage	278/1	270/7	250/10	260/5	272/6	270/10	270/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	6/11½	6/9½	6/3½	6/6½	6/9½	6/9½	6/9
All Groups (b) .. .	Weekly Wage	296/8	282/6	273/10	278/9	292/5	296/11	287/7
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	285/1	277/2	260/7	269/3	286/9	281/2	278/3
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	7/1½	6/11½	6/6½	6/8½	7/3	7/0½	6/11½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (e) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (f) Definite particulars for the computation of average working and hourly rates of wages are not available. (g) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

## WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1953.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	192/6	193/8	169/7	199/3	171/10	198/3	191/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/9½	4/10	4/2½	4/11½	4/3½	4/11½	4/9½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	194/9	195/11	199/8	199/8	201/0	198/3	196/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/10½	4/10½	5/0	5/0	5/0	4/11½	4/11
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	206/0	198/6	187/10	209/7	201/6	201/3	201/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1½	4/11½	4/8½	5/2½	4/11½	5/0½	5/0½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage(c)	190/6	198/11	167/9	196/10	180/5	190/5	188/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage(c)	4/9½	4/11½	4/2½	4/11	4/6½	4/9	4/8½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	210/3	219/6	193/2	198/9	210/2	210/2	210/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/3	5½	4/10	4/11½	4/11½	5/3	5/3
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	198/5	200/10	188/7	199/6	190/5	196/4	197/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/11½	5/0½	4/8½	4/11½	4/9	4/11	4/11½

(a) See note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average. (c) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

## WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914 ..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" 1939 ..	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" 1949 ..	171 11	168 11	167 10	165 3	171 6	165 4	169 8
" 1950 ..	209 6	204 5	199 10	200 6	208 3	199 7	205 6
" 1951 ..	255 0	245 5	240 10	241 8	251 4	247 3	248 7
" 1952 ..	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" 1953 ..	206 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 518. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" 1949 ..	3,355	3,206	3,275	3,225	3,346	3,227	3,310
" 1950 ..	4,088	3,989	3,900	3,911	4,064	3,805	4,009
" 1951 ..	4,975	4,789	4,699	4,715	4,904	4,825	4,850
" 1952 ..	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,428
" 1953 ..	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,429	5,705	5,794	5,611

## ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

81st December, 1914 ..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
1949 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
1950 ..	108 1	112 4	108 5	101 0	105 5	106 4	109 1
1951 ..	139 11	142 11	135 11	142 1	132 3	137 2	140 5
1952 ..	171 1	172 10	161 7	171 4	163 2	168 7	170 4
1953 ..	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5

## ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—278. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

81st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
1949 ..	3,979	4,134	3,990	3,716	3,880	3,915	4,015
1950 ..	5,150	5,259	5,003	5,229	4,866	5,050	5,169
1951 ..	6,296	6,362	5,948	6,305	6,007	6,204	6,268
1952 ..	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
1953 ..	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285

(a) See note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average for Australia.

**BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)**

Date Operative.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
November, 1945	99 0	98 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	96 0
December, 1946	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
", 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
", 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
", 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards either then the subject of applications before the Court or subsequently reviewed by the Court in this connexion.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

**STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.**

State.	November, 1953.			February, 1954.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
New South Wales(b)—		s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0
Broken Hill	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0
Victoria(e) .....	Nov.-Dec., 1953(d)	237 0	177 6	Feb., 1954	238 0	178 6
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	2.11.53	222 0	149 0	1.2.54	225 0	151 0
Southern Division (Western District)	2.11.53	229 4	152 8	1.2.54	232 4	154 8
Mackay Division	2.11.53	227 6	151 9	1.2.54	230 6	153 9
Northern Division (Eastern District)	2.11.53	232 0	154 0	1.2.54	235 0	156 0
Northern Division (Western District)	2.11.53	230 4	157 8	1.2.54	242 4	159 8
South Australia(e) .....	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	27.7.53	246 6	160 3	27.7.53	246 6	160 3
South-West Land Division	27.7.53	246 0	159 11	27.7.53	246 0	159 11
Goldfield and other areas	27.7.53	249 4	162 1	27.7.53	249 4	162 1
Tasmania(g) .....	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted, wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued by Certificate of Industrial Commission dated 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (see note (b) to previous table). (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Victorian Factories and Shops (Wages Boards) Act, 1953 (proclaimed 25th November, 1953), required Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) Operative from dates prescribed in determinations. (e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (now discontinued) for Adelaide. (f) Following the suspension of quarterly automatic adjustments to the Commonwealth basic wage the State Arbitration Court declined on 13th November, 1953, and 25th January, 1954, to make, where applicable, any quarterly adjustment to the State basic wages. (g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. From 9th December, 1953, automatic adjustment was suspended and the adjustment increases, not included in the November, 1953 wage shown above, of 10s. for males and 7s. 6d. for females payable from early November, were cancelled.

## Section XI.—Prices.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "C" Series Retail Price Index published on page 102.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.(a)

(“B” Series.)

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1940.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1952.				1953.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.			

## GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	..	904	1,388	1,572	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,657	2,664	2,669	2,758	2,751
Melbourne	..	884	1,418	1,605	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,547	2,598	2,653	2,728	2,757
Brisbane	..	838	1,332	1,462	1,823	2,328	2,413	2,321	2,361	2,372	2,429	2,488
Adelaide	..	861	1,351	1,494	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,334	2,371	2,411	2,478	2,514
Perth	..	899	1,437	1,597	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,439	2,492	2,594	2,690	2,656
Hobart	..	880	1,495	1,574	1,992	2,487	2,803	2,593	2,641	2,698	2,890	2,981
Six Capitals (b)	..	886	1,394	1,566	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,542	2,572	2,605	2,686	2,702

## GROUP II.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney	..	1,004	1,049	1,050	1,053	1,118	1,276	1,188	1,245	1,274	1,287	1,299
Melbourne	..	935	976	979	980	984	988	985	985	986	989	990
Brisbane	..	841	869	883	934	958	981	967	972	974	986	993
Adelaide	..	868	912	929	949	1,055	1,155	1,132	1,147	1,154	1,157	1,160
Perth	..	872	895	901	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,190	1,194	1,199	1,210	1,215
Hobart	..	913	940	941	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,092	1,234	1,245	1,251	1,265
Six Capitals (b)	..	942	982	987	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,094	1,122	1,136	1,144	1,151

## GROUPS I.—II.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES) (“B” Series).

Sydney	..	941	1,252	1,365	1,686	2,049	2,145	2,078	2,105	2,119	2,178	2,178
Melbourne	..	902	1,243	1,357	1,652	1,909	2,017	1,932	1,963	1,997	2,044	2,062
Brisbane	..	838	1,149	1,233	1,472	1,789	1,849	1,788	1,814	1,821	1,861	1,900
Adelaide	..	862	1,177	1,270	1,544	1,858	1,935	1,860	1,888	1,915	1,957	1,980
Perth	..	887	1,222	1,322	1,608	1,896	2,055	1,946	1,980	2,044	2,107	2,088
Hobart	..	891	1,275	1,324	1,620	1,932	2,190	2,002	2,087	2,125	2,244	2,305
Six Capitals (b)	..	906	1,230	1,336	1,634	1,947	2,049	1,971	2,001	2,026	2,079	2,091

(a) See note (a) on page 102.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See note (b) on page 103.

**RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING  
(4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES). ("B" SERIES).(a)**

*(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)*

State and Town.	1938.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1952.		1953.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES—</b>												
Sydney ..	941	1,252	1,365	1,686	2,049	2,145	2,078	2,105	2,119	2,178	2,178	
Newcastle ..	898	1,205	1,309	1,672	1,990	2,069	2,007	2,023	2,041	2,095	2,117	
Broken Hill ..	948	1,333	1,459	1,715	2,077	2,121	2,082	2,078	2,093	2,142	2,170	
Goulburn ..	908	1,225	1,341	1,682	2,008	2,046	1,986	1,993	2,023	2,078	2,088	
Bathurst ..	867	1,190	1,313	1,619	2,009	2,137	2,068	2,098	2,107	2,158	2,185	
<b>FIVE Towns(b)</b> ..	937	1,249	1,362	1,685	2,044	2,138	2,072	2,097	2,112	2,170	2,173	
<b> VICTORIA—</b>												
Melbourne ..	902	1,243	1,357	1,652	1,909	2,017	1,932	1,963	1,997	2,044	2,062	
Ballarat ..	808	1,141	1,254	1,593	1,846	1,949	1,859	1,878	1,926	1,974	2,019	
Bendigo ..	817	1,140	1,267	1,543	1,838	1,958	1,874	1,901	1,945	1,981	2,005	
Geelong ..	872	1,204	1,318	1,633	1,877	1,976	1,893	1,910	1,956	2,013	2,023	
Warrnambool ..	898	1,212	1,342	1,657	1,962	2,070	2,010	2,020	2,054	2,092	2,113	
<b>FIVE Towns(b)</b> ..	895	1,235	1,350	1,646	1,904	2,012	1,927	1,957	1,992	2,039	2,058	
<b>QUEENSLAND—</b>												
Brisbane ..	838	1,149	1,233	1,472	1,789	1,849	1,788	1,814	1,821	1,861	1,900	
Toowoomba ..	806	1,170	1,252	1,498	1,817	1,871	1,806	1,829	1,853	1,890	1,911	
Rockhampton ..	825	1,145	1,247	1,493	1,800	1,867	1,805	1,827	1,844	1,881	1,915	
Townsville ..	900	1,214	1,286	1,525	1,882	1,969	1,910	1,941	1,950	1,977	2,009	
Bundaberg ..	781	1,110	1,195	1,427	1,742	1,795	1,737	1,766	1,776	1,808	1,829	
<b>FIVE Towns(b)</b> ..	837	1,153	1,238	1,478	1,796	1,858	1,797	1,823	1,832	1,871	1,907	
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA—</b>												
Adelaide ..	862	1,177	1,270	1,544	1,858	1,935	1,860	1,888	1,915	1,957	1,980	
Kadina, &c. ..	702	1,001	1,089	1,390	1,704	1,773	1,699	1,720	1,736	1,808	1,826	
Port Pirie ..	838	1,141	1,241	1,522	1,825	1,872	1,814	1,830	1,844	1,899	1,915	
Mount Gambier ..	801	1,091	1,232	1,576	1,799	1,878	1,791	1,814	1,835	1,918	1,945	
Peterborough ..	836	1,144	1,224	1,504	1,790	1,850	1,793	1,803	1,834	1,868	1,893	
<b>FIVE Towns(b)</b> ..	855	1,168	1,262	1,538	1,850	1,926	1,851	1,879	1,905	1,949	1,972	
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA—</b>												
Perth, &c. ..	887	1,222	1,322	1,608	1,896	2,055	1,946	1,980	2,044	2,107	2,088	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,382	1,489	1,739	2,026	2,144	2,085	2,112	2,133	2,157	2,172	
Northam ..	911	1,257	1,358	1,673	1,977	2,122	2,046	2,068	2,113	2,150	2,155	
Bunbury ..	945	1,269	1,380	1,679	1,979	2,125	2,036	2,063	2,099	2,163	2,174	
Geraldton ..	974	1,315	1,421	1,746	2,063	2,215	2,132	2,160	2,200	2,240	2,261	
<b>FIVE Towns(b)</b> ..	909	1,237	1,338	1,623	1,912	2,067	1,964	1,997	2,056	2,115	2,101	
<b>TASMANIA—</b>												
Hobart ..	891	1,275	1,324	1,620	1,932	2,190	2,002	2,087	2,125	2,244	2,305	
Launceston ..	867	1,227	1,274	1,634	1,907	2,147	1,961	2,034	2,081	2,209	2,262	
Burnie ..	880	1,225	1,295	1,600	1,907	2,112	1,949	2,020	2,069	2,158	2,199	
Devonport ..	846	1,197	1,283	1,571	1,860	2,059	1,910	1,953	1,999	2,107	2,176	
Queenstown ..	900	1,267	1,299	1,586	1,884	2,101	1,923	1,972	2,031	2,170	2,229	
<b>FIVE Towns(b)</b> ..	882	1,254	1,304	1,620	1,918	2,164	1,980	2,057	2,100	2,221	2,279	
<b>THIRTY Towns(b)</b> ..	902	1,226	1,332	1,630	1,943	2,044	1,966	1,995	2,020	2,073	2,087	
<b>SIX CAPITALS(b)</b> ..	906	1,230	1,336	1,634	1,947	2,049	1,971	2,001	2,026	2,079	2,091	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	1,124	1,203	1,448	1,758	1,816	1,769	1,786	1,799	1,831	1,847	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	1,144	1,260	1,541	1,849	1,879	1,819	1,837	1,858	1,897	1,923	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	(d)	1,176	1,284	1,596	1,898	2,009	1,892	1,942	1,946	2,073	2,075	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (e)	1,043	1,280	1,381	1,701	2,061	2,114	2,067	2,053	2,080	2,136	2,188	

(a) See note (a) on page 102.

above.

(d) Not available.

above.

(b) Weighted average.

above.

above.

(c) Not included in weighted averages

above.

above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.<sup>(a)</sup>

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.			1952.			1953.			Per- centage increase from August, 1939, to Dec. 1953.	
	August.	Month.			Dec. Qtr.	Month.			Dec. Qtr.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.			
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	926	2,668	2,627	2,677	2,657	2,800	2,767	2,685	2,751	190.0	
Newcastle ..	960	2,691	2,667	2,675	2,678	2,840	2,836	2,759	2,812	187.4	
Broken Hill ..	1,069	2,955	2,883	2,891	2,910	3,064	3,060	3,014	3,046	181.9	
Goulburn ..	991	2,691	2,681	2,681	2,684	2,842	2,854	2,774	2,823	179.9	
Bathurst ..	939	2,803	2,770	2,793	2,789	2,955	2,961	2,885	2,934	207.2	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	932	2,676	2,637	2,682	2,665	2,810	2,780	2,699	2,763	189.6	
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	931	2,557	2,546	2,539	2,547	2,782	2,778	2,712	2,757	191.3	
Ballarat ..	939	2,603	2,566	2,575	2,581	2,855	2,859	2,795	2,836	197.7	
Bendigo ..	915	2,578	2,558	2,578	2,571	2,770	2,770	2,708	2,749	196.0	
Geelong ..	942	2,550	2,525	2,550	2,542	2,786	2,765	2,708	2,753	187.5	
Warrnambool ..	952	2,699	2,671	2,699	2,690	2,876	2,879	2,815	2,857	195.7	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	932	2,560	2,547	2,543	2,550	2,785	2,781	2,715	2,760	191.3	
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	855	2,342	2,292	2,329	2,321	2,548	2,476	2,441	2,488	185.5	
Toowoomba ..	812	2,372	2,344	2,366	2,361	2,516	2,513	2,459	2,496	202.8	
Rockhampton ..	893	2,395	2,373	2,381	2,383	2,582	2,562	2,496	2,547	179.5	
Townsville ..	948	2,509	2,509	2,499	2,506	2,624	2,694	2,661	2,660	180.7	
Bundaberg ..	906	2,392	2,365	2,390	2,382	2,530	2,533	2,501	2,521	176.0	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	862	2,360	2,318	2,349	2,342	2,553	2,501	2,463	2,506	185.7	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	882	2,312	2,316	2,373	2,334	2,544	2,511	2,486	2,514	181.9	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	2,388	2,384	2,445	2,406	2,576	2,581	2,554	2,570	160.6	
Port Pirie ..	1,001	2,450	2,486	2,498	2,461	2,596	2,596	2,588	2,593	158.5	
Mount Gambier ..	930	2,431	2,391	2,421	2,414	2,626	2,639	2,599	2,621	170.5	
Peterborough ..	983	2,430	2,401	2,467	2,433	2,576	2,555	2,536	2,556	158.0	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	891	2,322	2,324	2,381	2,342	2,548	2,519	2,494	2,520	170.9	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth and Fremantle ..	947	2,434	2,429	2,454	2,439	2,652	2,647	2,669	2,656	181.8	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,102	2,625	2,642	2,674	2,647	2,762	2,770	2,799	2,777	154.0	
Northam ..	981	2,514	2,512	2,537	2,521	2,668	2,672	2,698	2,679	175.0	
Bunbury ..	975	2,489	2,502	2,524	2,505	2,705	2,702	2,718	2,708	178.8	
Geraldton ..	958	2,556	2,557	2,585	2,566	2,751	2,766	2,787	2,768	190.9	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	960	2,453	2,450	2,476	2,460	2,663	2,660	2,682	2,668	179.4	
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	914	2,586	2,594	2,600	2,593	2,942	3,092	2,910	2,981	218.4	
Launceston ..	905	2,547	2,515	2,556	2,539	2,933	2,983	2,870	2,929	217.1	
Burnie ..	942	2,549	2,538	2,605	2,564	2,878	2,927	2,853	2,886	202.9	
Devonport ..	980	2,554	2,546	2,594	2,565	2,894	2,994	2,858	2,915	207.3	
Queenstown ..	1,018	2,591	2,590	2,636	2,606	3,089	3,142	3,015	3,082	196.2	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	917	2,571	2,565	2,587	2,574	2,940	3,050	2,897	2,962	215.9	
THIRTY TOWNS (b) ..	922	2,554	2,529	2,557	2,547	2,743	2,724	2,663	2,710	188.8	
SIX CAPITALS (b) ..	918	2,548	2,524	2,553	2,542	2,737	2,715	2,653	2,702	189.0	
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (c) ..	948	2,859	2,791	2,816	2,822	2,925	2,971	2,888	2,928	204.6	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	851	2,396	2,382	2,405	2,394	2,563	2,518	2,487	2,523	192.2	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	904	2,449	2,440	2,485	2,458	2,600	2,605	2,574	2,593	159.0	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	(d)	2,529	2,499	2,522	2,517	2,690	2,683	2,645	2,673	(d)	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	1,046	2,792	2,729	2,749	2,757	2,956	3,007	2,900	2,954	177.2	

(a) See note (a) on page 102. (b) Weighted average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

(d) Not available.

## THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES—</b>											
Sydney ..	913	1,439	1,593	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,312	2,338	2,360	2,388	2,385
Newcastle ..	877	1,402	1,543	1,901	2,209	2,295	2,248	2,266	2,283	2,306	2,323
Broken Hill ..	940	1,528	1,692	1,997	2,344	2,411	2,379	2,385	2,397	2,426	2,434
Goulburn ..	893	1,426	1,578	1,921	2,232	2,302	2,248	2,260	2,292	2,328	2,328
Bathurst ..	860	1,403	1,652	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,289	2,317	2,354	2,382	2,401
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	911	1,437	1,591	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,308	2,332	2,354	2,382	2,381
<b>VICTORIA—</b>											
Melbourne ..	896	1,415	1,565	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,224	2,250	2,279	2,301	2,310
Ballarat ..	850	1,385	1,509	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,197	2,217	2,251	2,283	2,310
Bendigo ..	854	1,365	1,520	1,826	2,139	2,261	2,196	2,220	2,257	2,276	2,289
Geelong ..	884	1,397	1,549	1,871	2,154	2,263	2,201	2,217	2,256	2,290	2,290
Warrnambool ..	892	1,398	1,558	1,886	2,205	2,323	2,272	2,288	2,320	2,335	2,352
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	893	1,411	1,561	1,877	2,168	2,283	2,222	2,247	2,277	2,300	2,309
<b>QUEENSLAND—</b>											
Brisbane ..	852	1,348	1,472	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,089	2,105	2,115	2,143	2,176
Toowoomba ..	843	1,360	1,486	1,773	2,083	2,160	2,110	2,126	2,149	2,172	2,193
Rockhampton ..	853	1,357	1,491	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,128	2,139	2,146	2,177	2,202
Townsville ..	902	1,404	1,525	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,194	2,215	2,228	2,251	2,277
Bundaberg ..	831	1,335	1,464	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,086	2,104	2,109	2,121	2,137
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	854	1,352	1,478	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,100	2,116	2,127	2,154	2,184
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Adelaide ..	888	1,393	1,521	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,188	2,210	2,238	2,264	2,272
Kadina, &c. ..	786	1,205	1,423	1,742	2,077	2,162	2,104	2,121	2,141	2,190	2,196
Port Pirie ..	868	1,389	1,500	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,158	2,178	2,192	2,230	2,238
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,340	1,499	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,174	2,187	2,200	2,250	2,268
Peterborough ..	868	1,368	1,496	1,808	2,129	2,199	2,155	2,164	2,186	2,213	2,231
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	883	1,388	1,516	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,183	2,206	2,232	2,259	2,268
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Perth, &c. ..	882	1,410	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,225	2,247	2,290	2,328	2,314
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,502	1,636	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,324	2,343	2,358	2,369	2,374
Northam ..	900	1,420	1,550	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,253	2,279	2,310	2,336	2,336
Bunbury ..	914	1,424	1,559	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,255	2,275	2,298	2,338	2,344
Geraldton ..	957	1,475	1,611	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,364	2,385	2,415	2,433	2,449
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	897	1,418	1,547	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,236	2,258	2,298	2,334	2,323
<b>TASMANIA—</b>											
Hobart ..	887	1,419	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,248	2,317	2,351	2,444	2,485
Launceston ..	872	1,389	1,493	1,857	2,154	2,359	2,211	2,270	2,311	2,409	2,445
Burnie ..	865	1,367	1,484	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,170	2,228	2,275	2,352	2,380
Devonport ..	848	1,351	1,481	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,152	2,194	2,240	2,332	2,372
Queenstown ..	875	1,400	1,494	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,167	2,213	2,261	2,363	2,396
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	879	1,404	1,511	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,226	2,290	2,327	2,422	2,460
<b>THIRTY TOWNS(b)</b> ..	894	1,413	1,556	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,239	2,264	2,289	2,318	2,325
<b>SIX CAPITALS(b)</b> ..	897	1,415	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,243	2,268	2,293	2,321	2,327
Warwick (Q.) (e) ..	800	1,349	1,461	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,102	2,114	2,130	2,147	2,168
Port Augusta (S.A.) (e) ..	863	1,373	1,512	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,154	2,171	2,194	2,220	2,232
Whyalla (S.A.) (e) ..	(d)	1,379	1,515	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,194	2,229	2,239	2,316	2,313
Canberra (A.C.T.) (e) ..	966	1,456	1,600	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,279	2,279	2,308	2,345	2,378

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June quarter, 1936. In the group index numbers for certain towns. The revision of the whole system was so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index numbers for the weighted average of the Six Capital Cities, or to the index numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) Not available.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Index.
<b>Year—</b>						
1914 (c) ..	641	649	644	754	749	687
1919 (c) ..	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924 ..	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925 ..	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926 ..	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927 ..	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928 ..	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929 ..	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930 ..	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931 ..	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932 ..	796	817	803	804	968	830
1933 ..	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934 ..	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935 ..	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936 ..	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937 ..	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938 ..	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939 ..	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940 ..	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941 ..	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942 ..	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943 ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944 ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945 ..	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946 ..	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947 ..	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948 ..	1,256	979	1,145	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949 ..	1,394	982	1,230	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950 ..	1,566	987	1,336	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951 ..	2,041	1,009	1,634	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952 ..	2,526	1,057	1,947	3,096	1,958	2,196
1953 ..	2,641	1,138	2,049	3,223	2,053	2,302
<b>Quarter—</b>						
1952—December ..	2,542	1,094	1,971	3,177	2,035	2,243
1953—March ..	2,572	1,122	2,001	3,200	2,048	2,268
June ..	2,005	1,136	2,026	3,245	2,051	2,293
September ..	2,686	1,144	2,079	3,228	2,084	2,321
December ..	2,702	1,151	2,091	3,217	2,060	2,327

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of *Labour Report No. 38*). Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1953 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

PRICES

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.												
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.												
Flour, ordinary	"	12.30	12.30	13.30	12.50	12.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	15.50	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
" self-raising	"	11.00	11.00	11.83	10.90	10.90	11.50	10.20	10.20	10.20	11.00	11.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.80
Tea	lb.	18.45	18.35	19.35	18.43	18.43	19.14	17.10	17.10	17.10	19.30	19.30	20.70	19.00	19.00	20.60
Sugar	"	56.00	56.00	56.00	57.00	57.00	57.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	57.50	57.50	57.50	57.00	57.00	57.00
Rice	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.75
Sago	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.43	12.43	12.43	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	18.94	17.06	15.89	18.33	16.67	16.67	18.00	17.70	16.90	19.40	18.30	17.70	19.70	19.30	18.70
Golden syrup	2 lb.	29.45	29.45	29.45	29.64	29.71	29.71	29.70	29.10	29.10	29.40	30.63	30.50	30.60	30.70	30.70
Oats, flaked	lb.	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.68	10.68	10.68	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.38	9.38	9.38
Raisins, seeded	"	32.90	32.95	33.17	32.40	32.75	32.67	31.75	31.75	31.75	33.25	33.70	33.70	33.10	33.10	33.10
Currants	"	24.38	24.38	24.38	22.80	22.90	22.80	22.50	22.50	22.50	24.25	24.25	24.25	23.50	23.30	23.90
Apricots, dried	"	67.83	68.83	70.83	53.75	53.75	53.75	57.00	57.00	57.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	63.38	63.38	63.38
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	38.65	38.65	38.65	39.21	39.21	39.21	38.50	38.50	38.50	39.50	38.30	38.30	39.90	39.90	39.90
Pears, canned	"	40.95	40.95	40.95	41.71	42.00	42.00	39.80	39.80	39.80	42.60	42.60	42.60	42.30	42.60	42.20
Potatoes	7 lb.	78.71	68.85	35.98	78.36	71.75	38.50	79.60	77.70	56.90	69.30	78.00	42.00	72.80	73.10	42.00
Onions, brown	lb.	6.60	9.70	8.50	8.00	8.86	9.50	6.30	9.38	8.83	7.80	8.30	8.50	8.13	9.63	9.88
Soap	"	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.72	16.57	16.57	17.93	17.93	17.93	18.07	18.00	18.00	17.67	17.67	17.67
Kerosene	quart	8.50	8.47	8.47	8.35	8.28	8.25	10.25	9.90	9.90	9.78	9.80	9.73	9.93	9.90	9.93
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	49.40	49.40	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild	"	33.55	33.55	33.55	33.63	33.63	33.63	36.00	36.00	36.00	35.00	35.50	35.50	34.50	34.50	34.50
Eggs, new laid	doz.	59.95	59.95	62.65	60.00	60.00	63.00	59.50	55.90	59.90	60.00	60.00	63.00	60.00	60.00	61.20
Bacon, rashers	lb.	72.56	72.56	72.50	73.88	73.88	73.88	78.00	78.00	78.00	74.40	74.40	75.50	75.50	76.25	76.25
Milk, condensed	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	24.40	24.40	24.40	24.50	24.50	24.50
" fresh	quart	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.50	21.50	21.63	21.50	21.50	21.50
Meat—		December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	39.47			40.91			41.29			39.00			36.75		
" rib	"	25.67			24.57			25.89			25.31			29.16		
" steak, rump	"	53.17			53.86			53.00			52.33			54.00		
" chuck	"	26.80			25.72			32.15			25.67			30.00		
" sausages	"	19.17			21.43			21.86			18.75			22.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	32.90			36.14			37.05			31.08			36.00		
" brisket	"	24.60			25.53			30.43			23.67			29.17		
Mutton, leg	"	21.20			22.56			28.57			23.00			26.00		
" forequarter	"	13.70			15.89			19.00			15.11			17.33		
" loin	"	23.17			22.50			34.00			25.22			27.00		
" chops, loin	"	23.03			24.78			35.86			25.56			30.00		
Pork, leg	"	23.60			25.89			34.71			25.56			30.00		
" loin	"	57.08			57.76			49.29			52.42			60.00		
" chops	"	57.60			56.95			50.14			52.42			60.00		
House Rents (b)	4 and 5 Rooms	350.24			281.95			205.79			240.14			259.48		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.  
note (b), page 103.

(b) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December quarter, 1936.

See also

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1953: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.**

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.50	9.50	11.17	9.50	9.50	10.90	9.50	9.50	11.08	9.50	9.50	10.90	10.00	10.00	11.70
" self-raising ..	"	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.00	17.00	18.00	17.42	17.42	18.75	16.40	16.40	17.60	17.90	17.90	19.40
Tea ..	lb.	55.05	55.05	55.05	56.40	56.30	56.30	55.92	55.92	55.92	54.80	54.80	54.80	57.10	57.10	57.10
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.44	9.45	9.47	9.38	9.39	9.39	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.58	9.60	9.60
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.83	12.83	12.83	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Sago ..	"	23.67	25.00	25.50	23.67	23.67	23.00	22.10	20.50	20.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	21.83	21.83	18.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.10	27.10	27.20	26.40	26.40	26.40	25.67	25.17	25.17	27.13	27.13	27.13	28.70	28.70	28.70
Gollen—yrum ..	2 lb.	19.15	19.15	19.10	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	19.10	19.10	19.10	21.70	21.70	21.70
Oat, flaked ..	lb.	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.46	9.46	9.46	8.33	8.33	8.33	9.00	9.00	9.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	31.89	31.89	31.89	31.80	31.80	31.80	32.00	32.00	32.00	31.20	30.80	30.80	33.00	33.20	33.20
Currants ..	"	22.83	22.83	22.83	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.42	22.42	22.42	22.67	22.67	22.67	23.75	23.75	23.75
Apricots, dried ..	"	60.93	60.56	60.56	57.00	57.00	54.00	57.50	57.50	57.50	55.25	55.25	55.25	56.33	56.33	56.33
P—aches, canned ..	30 oz.	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.70	33.70	33.80	33.08	33.08	33.08	32.30	32.40	32.30	35.40	35.40	35.60
Pears, canned ..	"	35.05	34.70	34.70	35.00	35.00	35.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	33.00	33.00	32.90	37.70	37.70	37.70
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	63.00	63.00	33.83	66.50	66.50	38.30	65.33	66.67	38.50	66.50	62.70	35.00	63.00	64.40	34.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	6.00	6.00	8.00	6.10	6.50	8.00	6.58	7.40	8.50	6.25	6.50	8.20	6.17	6.17	8.25
Soap ..	"	16.54	16.54	16.54	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.71	16.71	16.71	16.40	16.40	16.40	17.70	17.69	17.69
Kero—ene ..	quart	8.53	8.47	8.46	8.93	8.93	8.98	10.02	9.58	8.73	8.60	8.65	9.70	9.58	9.63	
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.35	49.35	49.35	49.50	49.50	49.50	48.50	48.25	48.25	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.50	33.50	33.50	32.50	32.63	32.63	33.50	34.00	34.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	62.17	62.17	62.17	63.20	63.20	63.20	63.40	63.40	63.40
Bacon, rasher ..	lb.	74.50	80.13	80.13	73.90	79.30	79.30	73.60	77.00	77.00	72.20	73.90	73.90	77.60	80.40	80.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.30	22.30	22.20	23.80	23.80	23.80	23.75	23.08	23.08	22.20	21.80	21.80	23.80	23.80	23.90
" fresh ..	quart	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.70	17.20	17.20	17.30	16.70	16.70
Meat—		December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	38.29			39.00			37.90			35.67			38.20		
" rib ..	"	33.03			34.25			32.81			30.40			33.75		
" steak, rump ..	"	49.35			49.06			48.19			48.00			49.80		
" chuck ..	"	32.10			34.83			33.14			31.93			33.00		
" sausages ..	"	19.87			20.61			20.14			19.60			21.80		
Beef (corned) silver—	side				37.29			38.50			37.14			36.80		
" brk—ket ..	"	27.60			30.56			30.14			29.60			30.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	23.30			25.22			22.40			25.20			27.00		
" forequarter ..	"	14.62			16.44			14.60			15.27			18.00		
" loin ..	"	21.95			22.83			20.13			25.07			27.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	22.95			25.00			21.87			25.60			28.50		
" leg ..	"	24.98			25.39			21.73			25.60			28.50		
Pork, leg ..	"	58.56			54.50			52.20			55.40			45.00		
" loin ..	"	59.39			54.67			53.40			55.20			45.00		
" chops ..	"	59.77			56.17			53.40			56.60			45.00		
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		267.03		190.15			215.75			241.86			242.86		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.  
note (b), page 103.

(b) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December quarter 1936. See also

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Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.00	13.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary	"	8.00	8.00	8.70	7.86	7.86	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.14	10.60	10.60	10.80	9.00	9.00	9.70
" self-raising	"	16.20	16.20	17.10	17.33	17.42	18.25	18.50	18.50	18.64	19.50	19.50	19.40	18.30	18.30	18.50
Tea	lb.	55.15	55.10	54.90	55.43	55.43	55.43	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.80	56.80	56.80	56.40	56.40	56.40
Sugar	"	8.95	8.95	8.95	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.97	8.97	8.95
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.14	13.14	13.14	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.20	13.30	13.30
Sago	"	17.65	17.05	16.30	18.79	17.00	17.00	20.57	19.33	19.17	19.20	19.20	19.20	18.13	17.13	17.13
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	28.00	27.85	27.85	29.14	28.93	28.93	30.64	30.36	30.50	30.20	29.60	29.60	29.70	29.50	29.50
Golden syrup	2 lb.	17.35	17.35	17.35	18.71	18.86	18.86	20.57	20.79	20.50	22.10	22.10	22.10	17.80	17.80	17.80
Oats, flaked	lb.	10.13	10.13	10.38	12.67	12.67	12.67	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.25	14.25	14.25	11.00	11.00	11.00
Raisins, seeded	"	28.15	28.15	28.15	28.86	28.86	28.93	29.93	29.86	30.00	30.50	30.00	30.00	29.90	30.10	30.30
Currants	"	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.80	21.80	21.80	22.40	22.40	23.13	23.50	23.38	23.38	22.88	23.00	23.00
Apricots, dried	"	53.25	53.25	55.75	55.33	55.83	54.63	52.38	53.10	54.80	54.13	54.13	54.13	57.63	56.88	56.88
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	35.95	36.10	36.05	36.93	36.93	36.50	37.14	37.64	37.50	38.60	38.80	39.00	38.00	37.80	37.80
Pears, canned	"	38.35	38.25	38.00	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.86	38.86	39.00	38.90	39.00	39.00	39.60	39.80	40.60
Potatoes	"	81.28	55.22	36.94	62.67	58.14	33.57	77.42	68.83	41.50	49.83	68.50	51.00	63.00	59.80	40.80
Onions, brown	"	5.40	7.55	6.60	5.21	7.07	6.21	6.25	8.07	8.14	7.00	8.80	9.50	6.30	7.80	8.00
Soap	"	16.44	16.44	16.44	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.53	16.24	16.53	16.54	16.54	16.54	16.47	16.47	16.47
Kerosene	quart	8.69	8.64	8.64	9.46	9.46	9.40	11.09	11.09	11.04	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.55	10.85	10.85
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	49.05	48.85	48.85	48.86	48.86	48.86	48.86	48.86	48.86	51.40	51.40	51.40	48.70	48.70	48.70
Cheese, mild	"	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.14	32.14	32.14	35.83	35.83	35.86	37.20	37.30	37.30	33.60	33.80	33.80
Eggs, new laid	doz.	58.10	57.80	60.80	37.33	40.00	42.50	54.43	56.00	55.71	66.00	66.00	69.00	45.00	48.00	54.80
Bacon, rashers	lb.	64.10	65.65	65.70	61.21	63.00	63.43	61.93	63.07	64.36	64.60	66.50	66.60	61.90	63.10	63.30
Milk, condensed	tin	23.25	23.25	23.25	23.79	23.79	23.79	24.00	24.07	24.00	24.60	24.60	24.60	24.00	24.10	24.10
" fresh	quart	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.57	15.57	15.57	14.71	14.71	14.79	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	32.23			33.00			32.00			32.47			33.00		
" rib	"	23.36			24.00			22.91			23.93			24.00		
" steak, rump	"	38.20			37.00			35.50			36.00			37.00		
" chuck	"	22.13			23.00			22.50			22.53			23.00		
" sausages	"	17.20			17.00			17.00			17.20			17.00		
Beef (corned) silver-	side	28.13			28.00			29.00			27.07			28.00		
" brisket	"	23.63			26.00			26.43			25.00			26.00		
Mutton, leg	"	20.83			22.00			21.00			22.40			22.27		
" forequarter	"	15.83			18.26			17.39			18.76			18.70		
" loin	"	20.39			21.57			20.00			22.07			21.80		
" chops, loin	"	21.60			23.00			21.91			23.07			23.00		
" leg	"	21.02			22.14			21.00			22.20			22.20		
Pork, leg	"	51.77			44.43			44.24			48.20			40.00		
" loin	"	50.97			44.29			44.24			46.20			40.00		
" chops	"	50.97			43.86			44.66			46.20			40.00		
House Rents (b)	4 and 5 Rooms	267.84			254.19			253.67			253.28			191.70		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.  
note (b), page 103.

(b) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December quarter, 1936. See also

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES<sup>(a)</sup> RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1953: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Groceries, &c.—																	
Bread ..	2 lb.	12.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	
Flour, ordinary ..	"	8.60	8.60	9.55	8.58	8.58	9.07	8.93	8.93	9.64	8.10	8.10	8.60	9.25	9.25	9.88	
" self-raising ..	"	14.65	14.60	16.45	15.83	15.83	17.14	16.21	16.21	17.57	15.50	15.50	17.10	16.50	16.50	18.38	
Tea ..	lb.	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.50	56.50	56.57	56.79	56.79	56.79	57.50	57.50	57.50	57.00	57.00	57.00	
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.42	9.42	9.43	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.67	12.67	12.57	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.00	13.00	13.00	
Sago ..	"	16.89	17.40	15.95	18.92	18.30	16.93	19.21	19.29	19.14	20.50	19.00	17.40	18.33	18.25	17.00	
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	28.08	28.08	28.07	28.50	28.50	28.50	27.70	27.70	28.90	28.63	28.63	28.63	
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.83	19.83	19.71	19.79	19.79	19.93	20.60	20.60	20.60	20.50	20.50	20.50	
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.68	9.68	9.68	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.57	10.57	10.57	
Raisins, seeded ..	"	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.83	32.83	32.79	32.86	32.86	32.86	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.00	33.00	33.00	
Currants ..	"	22.89	22.89	22.89	23.58	23.58	23.58	23.42	23.58	23.58	24.10	24.30	24.30	23.88	23.88	24.00	
Apricots, dried ..	"	56.50	56.67	56.78	57.90	57.90	58.50	57.20	56.00	56.00	57.50	57.50	57.50	57.75	57.75	57.75	
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	35.45	35.45	35.45	37.25	37.25	37.36	37.29	37.29	37.29	37.00	36.40	37.90	38.25	38.25	38.63	
Pears, canned ..	"	37.00	37.15	37.10	38.42	38.42	38.57	38.29	38.29	38.29	37.50	36.90	38.50	39.38	39.38	39.88	
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	66.00	54.00	35.50	56.00	58.33	40.83	55.33	53.37	41.01	56.00	59.50	38.50	60.55	56.00	40.75	
Onions, brown ..	lb.	5.40	7.50	9.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	5.86	8.13	8.90	5.67	5.67	5.67	5.50	6.00	6.00	
Soap ..	"	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.44	17.44	17.38	17.05	17.05	17.09	17.13	17.13	17.13	17.50	17.59	17.59	
Kerosene ..	quart	7.85	7.85	7.85	8.54	8.54	8.54	9.04	9.04	9.00	8.92	8.88	8.88	9.00	8.91	8.97	
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.50	49.50	49.50	50.17	50.17	50.21	50.50	50.50	50.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	
Cheese, mild ..	"	32.50	32.50	32.50	33.75	33.75	33.75	33.50	33.50	33.50	32.38	32.25	32.25	33.25	33.50	34.25	
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	55.20	52.50	57.15	47.20	44.60	49.00	46.50	44.83	50.67	40.25	42.40	46.80	46.00	44.00	40.00	
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	73.05	73.10	73.10	74.58	74.75	74.79	73.20	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.75	74.75	74.75	
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.25	23.25	23.25	24.17	24.17	24.14	23.93	23.93	23.93	24.30	24.30	24.30	24.38	24.38	24.38	
" fresh ..	quart	15.50	15.50	15.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	27.00			26.57			27.86			29.80			26.00			
" rib ..	"	26.40			25.00			26.57			29.80			25.00			
" steak, rump ..	"	43.53			43.52			44.57			45.80			43.00			
" chuck ..	"	26.40			26.48			28.00			27.80			26.00			
" sausages ..	"	17.33			17.57			17.00			17.67			16.00			
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	lb.	30.70			31.57			32.07			32.40			30.00			
" brisket ..	"	25.20			25.81			25.79			25.60			24.00			
Mutton, leg ..	leg	20.59			20.57			21.19			23.40			21.50			
" forequarter ..	"	10.88			12.10			13.00			13.60			12.00			
" loin ..	"	19.42			20.43			20.14			23.40			21.50			
" chops, loin ..	"	20.05			20.85			21.86			24.00			21.50			
" leg ..	"	21.41			20.93			22.21			24.00			22.50			
Pork, leg ..	"	56.11			43.45			48.00			50.25			42.00			
" loin ..	"	56.26			43.45			48.00			50.25			42.00			
" chops ..	"	56.40			43.45			50.00			52.50			43.50			
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	312.78			170.15			218.87			227.41			219.36			

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.  
note (b), page 108.

(b) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December quarter, 1936.

See also

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES<sup>(a)</sup> RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1953: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.												
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary	"	10.90	10.90	11.50	12.00	12.00	13.43	11.00	11.00	11.75	11.25	11.25	11.75	11.00	11.00	11.80
" self-raising	"	18.30	18.30	19.00	20.50	21.00	21.43	19.88	20.00	21.00	19.88	20.00	20.25	20.50	21.20	21.20
Tea	lb.	55.90	55.90	55.90	57.93	57.93	57.93	56.50	56.50	56.50	57.00	57.00	57.00	57.50	57.60	57.60
Sugar	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.83	10.08	10.08	9.50	9.58	9.58	9.71	9.71	9.71	9.83	10.00	10.00
Rice	"	11.85	11.85	11.85	13.50	14.00	14.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.83	12.83	12.83	13.00	13.30	13.40
Sago	"	27.33	27.33	26.40	32.33	32.00	26.83	29.00	27.50	25.67	28.75	29.50	29.50	32.25	32.00	26.75
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	31.65	31.70	31.70	34.93	34.93	34.93	33.13	33.13	33.13	33.63	33.75	33.75	34.30	34.70	34.70
Golden syrup	2 lb.	19.85	19.85	19.95	23.07	23.29	23.36	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.75	21.75	21.75	22.50	22.90	23.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	9.44	9.29	9.14	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.67	10.67	10.67	14.00	14.00	12.50	11.00	11.00	11.00
Raisins, seeded	"	34.42	34.73	34.78	35.62	35.07	35.07	34.50	34.38	34.50	34.83	35.00	35.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
Currants	"	23.57	23.43	23.43	25.50	25.70	26.10	25.25	24.75	24.75	24.75	24.88	25.90	26.10	26.38	
Apricots, dried	60.20	60.20	59.75	62.38	63.00	63.20	62.67	60.00	60.00	60.50	60.50	60.50	64.83	64.83	64.83	
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	38.30	38.05	38.15	44.64	45.43	45.57	43.00	43.00	43.00	42.33	42.50	41.75	44.60	45.00	44.80
Pears, canned	"	39.35	39.00	39.20	46.07	46.79	46.79	43.13	43.13	43.13	43.50	44.50	43.25	46.30	46.50	46.80
Potatoes	7 lb.	29.50	29.00	29.00	33.00	31.00	31.00	33.25	32.25	32.25	31.75	29.75	29.25	31.40	31.20	31.00
Onions, brown	lb.	7.50	7.00	6.25	6.07	6.36	6.71	8.25	7.33	8.25	7.75	7.83	7.83	7.90	7.50	7.40
Soap	"	17.57	17.57	17.57	19.38	19.38	19.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.34	18.42	18.42	18.20	18.20	18.20
Kerosene	quart	13.33	13.37	13.31	15.53	15.54	15.75	14.34	14.46	14.52	14.76	15.04	14.66	15.39	15.58	15.68
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	50.00	50.00	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	51.00	51.13	51.13	50.00	50.00	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
Cheese, mild	"	37.00	37.00	37.00	39.00	39.50	39.50	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
Eggs, new laid	doz.	64.00	64.00	64.00	63.29	59.71	63.29	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.25	64.25	64.25	64.00	64.00	64.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	71.30	73.17	73.28	73.71	75.43	75.57	71.00	73.33	73.33	72.75	73.75	73.75	73.60	74.50	74.80
Milk, condensed	tin	23.40	23.35	23.40	25.50	25.50	25.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.38	24.50	24.50	25.00	25.30	25.40
" fresh	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	22.00	22.50	22.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Meat—		December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953			December Quarter, 1953		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	35.07			33.91			34.33			34.00			34.33		
" rib	"	28.17			25.17			25.44			26.75			26.00		
" steak, rump	"	47.77			45.57			46.56			48.00			45.00		
" chuck	"	32.63			31.71			31.67			32.20			32.00		
" sausages	"	21.22			23.29			21.78			23.25			21.00		
Beef (corned) silver-	side	34.10			33.90			33.67			33.00			33.00		
" brisket	"	28.23			29.52			29.67			29.00			29.67		
Mutton, leg	"	24.40			23.00			23.78			27.00			27.00		
" forequarter	"	15.17			14.95			15.78			18.40			17.67		
" loin	"	23.80			21.57			20.00			22.20			23.89		
" chops, loin	"	23.80			21.52			20.89			24.00			24.00		
Pork, leg	"	24.07			22.05			20.89			24.00			25.33		
Pork, leg	"	58.04			52.29			54.67			57.00			54.00		
" loin	"	58.04			52.29			52.33			57.00			54.00		
" chops	"	58.04			52.29			52.67			58.50			54.00		
House Rents (b)	4 and 5 Rooms	327.67			312.46			339.68			340.84			373.43		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.  
note (b), page 103.

(b) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December quarter, 1936.

See also

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES<sup>(a)</sup> RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1953: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.50	13.50	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.00	9.00	10.20	8.93	8.92	10.08	9.50	9.50	10.70	9.50	9.50	10.40	10.00	10.00	10.50
Flour, self-raising ..	"	17.50	17.50	19.20	17.50	17.50	19.17	18.10	18.10	19.10	18.00	18.00	19.60	18.17	18.17	18.67
Tea ..	lb.	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.10	56.10	56.10	56.50	56.50	56.50
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.25	9.25	9.25
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.50	12.50	12.50
Sago ..	"	26.00	26.00	23.39	24.40	23.83	21.25	26.63	26.50	22.63	26.60	26.50	22.50	27.00	27.00	27.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	29.00	29.10	29.10	28.43	28.33	28.33	29.40	29.00	29.00	29.20	29.20	29.20	30.00	30.33	30.33
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	20.15	20.06	20.15	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.20	20.20	20.30	21.17	21.17	21.17
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.13	10.13	10.13	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.19	10.19	10.19
Raisins, seeded ..	"	33.00	32.80	32.89	32.00	32.00	32.00	33.20	32.90	32.90	33.17	33.17	33.17	33.50	33.50	33.50
Currants ..	"	25.50	25.42	25.70	24.10	24.10	24.30	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.50	25.50	25.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	63.00	61.00	61.50	63.50	63.50	60.50	58.25	58.25	58.25	60.00	60.00	60.00	57.00	57.00	57.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	39.60	39.45	39.60	39.00	38.67	38.58	38.63	38.63	38.63	39.20	39.20	39.20	40.83	40.83	40.83
Pears, canned ..	"	44.10	43.45	42.75	41.50	40.42	40.42	43.13	43.13	43.13	43.60	43.00	43.40	46.50	46.50	46.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	57.31	91.88	45.50	58.00	74.78	39.67	58.80	70.00	35.60	53.75	73.50	35.00	63.75	72.00	37.33
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.00	10.13	12.00	8.33	10.20	12.75	8.00	8.00	9.67	8.50	11.33	10.00	8.00	12.00	15.00
Soap ..	"	16.67	16.64	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.74	16.74	16.74	17.00	17.00	17.00
Kerosene ..	quart	12.72	12.72	12.69	11.96	11.70	11.47	14.12	14.12	14.12	14.10	12.94	12.95	14.88	14.88	14.88
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.25	33.25	33.50	34.50	33.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	34.13	34.13	34.13
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	63.56	63.56	63.56	63.07	63.08	63.08	63.40	63.50	63.50	63.13	63.13	63.00	64.50	64.50	64.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	73.60	74.90	72.00	74.57	75.17	73.00	75.20	77.40	72.00	72.80	74.00	72.00	75.00	75.00	72.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.60	23.60	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh ..	quart	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	21.00	21.00	21.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	43.47			43.66			38.42			41.42			41.56		
" rib ..	"	36.72			36.38			34.28			35.74			37.31		
" steak, rump ..	"	60.23			56.90			59.08			53.67			55.22		
" chuck ..	"	39.40			39.19			35.25			36.83			38.33		
" sausages ..	"	23.37			21.20			24.00			25.50			25.67		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	42.73			42.62			40.67			40.92			42.33		
" brisket ..	"	34.97			34.28			33.08			35.33			36.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	29.52			28.28			28.96			27.70			32.00		
" forequarter ..	"	19.93			20.19			18.30			19.88			26.22		
" loin ..	"	27.52			24.39			24.06			25.20			31.22		
" chops, loin ..	"	28.26			29.17			29.72			31.02			32.33		
" leg ..	"	29.52			29.17			29.73			31.02			32.00		
Pork, leg ..	"	60.37			54.29			50.50			51.25			53.00		
" loin ..	"	60.27			53.52			50.50			51.25			53.00		
" chops ..	"	60.67			54.24			50.50			51.25			53.00		
House Rents(b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	341.10			333.04			286.97			260.68			229.85		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.  
note (b), page 103.

(b) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December quarter, 1936. See also

PRICES.

## WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total — All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	101	111	103	105
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	117	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	128	176	121	137
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	101	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	288	283	271	239	283
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	292	274	304	295
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	282	276	297	291
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	341	223	633	307	323	362	324	261	289	290	290
December ..	344	223	616	313	271	364	322	270	286	297	294
January ..	346	223	605	313	270	365	322	266	286	294	292
February ..	363	223	560	317	284	394	331	280	295	307	304
March ..	365	223	504	327	261	394	330	289	295	313	308
April ..	370	223	517	327	262	395	332	295	297	318	312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	294	302	325	318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	298	302	330	321
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	349	279	435	355	304	302	338	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	295	338	325
September ..	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	296	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	292	297	329	320
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	290	297	328	318
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	290	289	328	316
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	289	290	328	317
April ..	392	235	643	348	203	391	349	290	288	336	322
May ..	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	361	279	338	321
June ..	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	305	283	338	322
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
September ..	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337	318

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1952-53 and 1953-54 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri-culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37 .. ..	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38 .. ..	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39 .. ..	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46 .. ..	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47 .. ..	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48 .. ..	207	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49 .. ..	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50 .. ..	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51 .. ..	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52 .. ..	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53(a) .. ..	365	531	367	433	623	372
1953-54(a) .. ..	335	551	372	434	639	366

(a) Preliminary estimate.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals the prices are the average value of current realizations in various markets and hence show some irregularity. From July, 1945, to September, 1951, the export prices used for wheat were average actual realizations for current shipments. From October, 1951, to July, 1955, the prices used are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. The estimated average realization for the period December, 1952 to July, 1953, is subject to revision when necessary data are available. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953 are derived from available information of current sales.

## RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements both upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool in recent years. Similar, but less marked movements have occurred in the prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movement affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison another column (All Groups excluding Wool) has been added to the table to show this movement separately.

## SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals (a)	Meats (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits (c)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.			
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.	
Percentage Distribu- tion of Base Aggregate	f 45.63 g 49.05 h ..	17.06 18.34 31.38	11.36 12.21 20.89	6.83 7.34 12.55	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98 100.00 12.84	.. .. ..	.. .. 100.00	.. .. ..	
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1946-47	..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	228	203
1947-48	..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	438	364	122	296	280	283
1948-49	..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949-50	..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	184	399	308	383
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52	..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53	..	616	(j) 441	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	(j) 504	(j) 370	(j) 482
1951-52—														
January ..		566	432	291	825	271	501	303	483	531	193	498	402	477
February ..		520	432	291	827	271	501	303	483	451	198	475	402	456
March ..		460	432	291	817	273	501	300	483	378	193	445	400	427
April ..		475	432	291	799	273	501	300	483	398	187	451	397	432
May ..		543	432	291	711	273	501	300	483	346	184	477	385	457
June ..		566	432	291	641	273	501	300	483	343	186	483	376	463
1952-53—														
July ..	(i)	566	432	313	621	294	501	300	483	340	186	486	381	465
August ..	(i)	566	432	313	613	294	501	300	483	381	187	486	380	465
September ..		551	432	313	603	294	501	300	483	379	188	477	379	457
October ..		588	432	313	501	321	501	300	(i) 483	383	188	490	370	469
November ..		588	432	313	501	321	501	300	360	404	187	490	368	469
December ..		618	(j) 448	313	510	321	501	300	322	395	184	(j) 508	(j) 374	(j) 485
January ..		618	(j) 448	313	509	321	501	300	298	391	189	(j) 508	(j) 374	(j) 485
February ..		626	(j) 448	313	475	321	501	300	295	375	186	(j) 509	(j) 369	(j) 486
March ..		656	(j) 448	313	463	321	501	290	298	364	185	(j) 522	(j) 367	(j) 499
April ..		671	(j) 448	313	418	321	501	290	284	344	185	(j) 526	(j) 361	(j) 502
May ..		701	(j) 448	313	407	321	501	290	252	352	184	(j) 540	(j) 359	(j) 515
June ..		641	(j) 448	313	429	321	500	290	249	326	181	(j) 512	(j) 361	(j) 489
1953-54—														
July ..	(i)	641	(j) 448	325	446	331	500	290	244	319	183	(j) 515	(j) 367	(j) 492
August ..	(i)	634	(j) 446	325	450	331	500	290	251	321	182	(j) 511	(j) 367	(j) 488
September ..		626	(j) 443	325	438	331	500	290	260	336	182	(j) 506	(j) 365	(j) 484
October ..		634	(j) 428	325	450	340	500	290	269	374	181	(j) 509	(j) 363	(j) 486
November ..		634	(j) 414	325	458	340	500	290	301	383	176	(j) 508	(j) 360	(j) 485
December ..	(j)	611	(j) 413	325	442	340	500	290	341	377	177	(j) 495	(j) 358	(j) 473

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexis, currents  
(d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets  
such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37  
(g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—  
applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—While the index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they do not give an adequate indication of the significance of price movements as they actually affect current sales. This is shown more clearly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

## Section XI.—Miscellaneous.

## COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Retail Price Index Numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (e)	Proportion of Trade Unionists Unem- ployed.
	Food and Grocer- ies. (b)	Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Mis- cel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.			
<b>Year—</b>									
1911	..	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	..	..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	..	..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826
1928	..	..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,087
1932	..	..	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,468	1,377	1,963
1938	..	..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,639
1939	..	..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,799
									1,209
									1,210
									9.7
1944	..	..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326
1945	..	..	1,849	1,595	1,748	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339
1946	..	..	1,852	1,596	1,749	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400
1947	..	..	1,967	1,597	1,816	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598
1948	..	..	2,245	1,601	1,982	2,637	1,913	2,148	3,181
									1,914
									1,357
1949	..	..	2,492	1,605	2,128	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210
1950	..	..	2,800	1,613	2,313	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,506
1951	..	..	3,649	1,649	2,827	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495
1952	..	..	4,516	1,728	3,370	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241
1953	..	..	4,723	1,861	3,546	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539
									1,450
									(f)
<b>Quarter—</b>									
1939.									
March	..	..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,896
June	..	..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847
September	..	..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854
December	..	..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,538	1,858
									1,210
1947.									
March	..	..	1,915	1,596	1,785	2,305	1,798	1,933	2,527
June	..	..	1,945	1,597	1,803	2,319	1,802	1,948	2,545
September	..	..	1,974	1,597	1,820	2,387	1,846	1,978	2,630
December	..	..	2,035	1,598	1,857	2,478	1,853	2,026	2,690
									1,328
1948.									
March	..	..	2,128	1,599	1,912	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781
June	..	..	2,197	1,600	1,953	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854
September	..	..	2,278	1,601	2,001	2,688	1,925	2,175	2,970
December	..	..	2,378	1,602	2,060	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050
									1,371
1949.									
March	..	..	2,433	1,603	2,093	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099
June	..	..	2,482	1,604	2,122	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182
September	..	..	2,497	1,606	2,181	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249
December	..	..	2,555	1,608	2,167	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310
									1,380
1950.									
March	..	..	2,633	1,609	2,213	3,250	2,134	2,474	3,372
June	..	..	2,718	1,611	2,284	3,418	2,151	2,546	3,458
September	..	..	2,828	1,614	2,330	3,501	2,180	2,608	3,545
December	..	..	3,020	1,618	2,444	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009
									1,471
1951.									
March	..	..	3,201	1,641	2,560	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142
June	..	..	3,443	1,646	2,705	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387
September	..	..	3,819	1,651	2,928	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601
December	..	..	4,133	1,656	3,116	4,420	2,731	3,388	4,850
									1,432
1952.									
March	..	..	4,298	1,672	3,219	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036
June	..	..	4,589	1,702	3,402	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156
September	..	..	4,633	1,750	3,448	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345
December	..	..	4,544	1,789	3,411	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428
									1,458
1953.									
March	..	..	4,599	1,835	3,463	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443
June	..	..	4,658	1,857	3,506	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512
September	..	..	4,804	1,870	3,597	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591
December	..	..	4,831	1,882	3,618	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611
									1,453

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

(b) See note (b) on page 103.

(c) Index of true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

(d) Taken back from revision.

(e) Subject to revision.

(f) Not available.

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NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this Summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>DEMOGRAPHY(a)</b>								
Population(b)	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,509	4,318	4,434
'000 Males	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,221	4,319
'000 Females	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,539	8,753
'000 Persons	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	94.0
Net Oversea Migration	'000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77
Rate(c)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	8.6
Marriages	'000							
Rate(c)								
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	7,106
'000	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	202
Births	Rate(c)	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9
'000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Deaths	Rate(c)	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7
'000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.8
Infant Deaths	Rate(e)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2
<b>WAGES (ADULT MALES)</b>								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index								
Numbers	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,241
Real Wage Index Numbers(g)	(f)		1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,438
<b>PRODUCTION</b>								
Agricultural—								
Wheat	Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4
Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	195
Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	19.1
Oats	Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365
Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	43.6
Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	15.8
Barley	Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118
Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	35.0
Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	25.4
Maize	Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170
Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	5.0
Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	28.7
Hay	Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549
Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	2,765
Potatoes	Av. Yield tons	1,13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51
Area '000 acs.	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	431
Sugar-cane	Yield '000 tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31
Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	24.9
Vineyards	Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136
Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(i)30.0
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.8	20.4
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.—								
Livestock	Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9
Cattle	"	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9
Sheep	"	106	72	97	86	111	125	118
Pigs	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.0
Wool(j)	mill. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080
Butter	'000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135
Cheese	"	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6
Meat(k)								
Beef and Veal	"					339	350	534
Mutton and Lamb	"					218	307	582
Pork	"					11.1	22.7	395
Bacon and Ham	"					26.2	31.8	35.0
Total Meat	"					608	727	1,027

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage.

(e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Productive cane.

(i) Subject to revision. (j) In terms of greasy. (k) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat; cured weight, bacon and ham.

## Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 114.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>PRODUCTION—continued.</b>								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(d) . . . . . '000 tons	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	13.5	20.9	17.9	18.6
Gold(d) . . . . . '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	980
Lead(d) . . . . . '000 tons					150.8	289.4	212.0	228.2
Zinc(d) . . . . . '000 tons					66.1	232.6	189.2	196.5
Black Coal . . . . . mill. tons	4.4	6.0	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.4
Brown Coal . . . . . '000 tons					0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber . . . . . mill. sup. ft.	(c)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,392	1,308
Factories—								
Number of factories . . . . . '000					14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0
Persons employed . . . . . '000					312	379	337	978
Salaries and wages paid . . . . . £m.					28	68	56	612
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, &c. . . . . £m.					1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8
Industrial metals, &c. . . . .					12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9
Textiles, &c. . . . .						6.9	21.0	56.6
Clothing . . . . .					7.5	19.2	11.1	23.6
Food, &c. . . . .					11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2
Paper, &c. . . . .					4.2	9.0	9.6	141.1
All groups . . . . .	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	1,080.8
Value of plant & machnry . . . . .					31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2
Value of land and buildings . . . . .	(c)	(c)			32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3
Net value of production(g)—								
Agriculture . . . . . £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	(m)
Pastoral . . . . .	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	(m)
Dairying . . . . .	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	(m)
Poultry . . . . .	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	(m)
Bee-farming . . . . .	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	(m)
Total, Rural . . . . .	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	(m)
Trapping . . . . .					(c)	(c)	1.5	5.0
Forestry . . . . .					4.8	9.1	3.9	37.9
Fisherries . . . . .					1.1	1.4	1.4	5.7
Mines and Quarries . . . . .	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	109.6
Total, Non-rural . . . . .	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	(m)
Total, Primary . . . . .	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	(m)
Factories . . . . .	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	1,080.8
Total, All Industries . . . . .	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	(m)
<b>BUILDING(h)—</b>								
Permits, New Dwellings . . . . . '000					2.1	9.7	32.8	30.1
Permits, All Buildings(i) . . . . . £m.					1.5	9.6	80.4	77.6
Permits, All Buildings(i) . . . . .	"				4.6	13.5	116.4	120.5
<b>OVERSEA TRADE—</b>								
	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Imports . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	514
Exports . . . . . "	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	871
Principal Exports(j)—								
Wool . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,216
Wool . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	403
Wheat . . . . . '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,594
Wheat . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	52.3
Flour . . . . . '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	869
Flour . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	37.4
Butter . . . . . mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	111
Butter . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	20.2
Hides and Skins . . . . . £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	20.2
Meats . . . . . "	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	65.8
Fruit(l) . . . . . "	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	27.7
Sugar . . . . . "			(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	21.7
Gold . . . . . "	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	20.4
Silver and Lead . . . . . "	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	30.5
Ores and Concentrates . . . . .			(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Not available.

produced. (d) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals

produced. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (h) Six capital cities and suburbs. (i) Includes additions and alterations.

(j) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (k) In terms of greasy- (l) Excludes fruit juices. (m) Not yet available.

## Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 114.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>OVERSEA TRADE—continued.</b>								
Principal Imports—								
Vegetable foodstuffs, &c. . . . .	£m. f.o.b.		(a)	(a)				
Apparel, &c. . . . .			3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0
Oil, &c. . . . .			10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6
Metals, &c. . . . .			1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	48.2
Rubber, &c. . . . .			7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	87.5
Paper, &c. . . . .			0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	35.1
			1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	9.0
							68.8	22.4
<b>TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—</b>								
Shipping—								
Overseas Vessels, . . . . .	No.	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,186
Entrances and Clearances . . . . .	mill. tons	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2
Overseas Cargo—								
Discharged . . . . .	mill. tons	(c)			(b)	2.4	3.0	5.5
Shipped . . . . .					(b)	5.8	6.7	4.2
Interstate Vessels, . . . . .	No.				(b)	9,605	9,782	7,957
Entrances and Clearances . . . . .	mill. tons				(b)	13.1	12.8	11.1
Interstate Cargo Shipped . . . . .	mill. tons	(c)			(b)	5.5	4.0	10.0
Government Railways—		(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)			
Route-miles . . . . .	'000	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8
Passenger-journeys . . . . .	mill.	84	115	228	335	303	475	501
Goods and livestock carried . . . . .	'000 tons							498
Train-miles run . . . . .	mill.	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.8
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams . . . . .	mill.	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	569	589	874
Omnibuses . . . . .	"					(b)	(b)	686
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars . . . . .	'000					102	420	451
Commercial vehicles . . . . .	"					(b)	96	251
Civil Aviation(e)—								1,032
Plane-miles flown . . . . .	mill.							1,109
Passengers carried . . . . .	'000							583
Passenger-miles . . . . .	mill.							582
Freight car . . . . .	'000 short tons							
ried . . . . .	f'000 ton-miles							
Postal—		(a)	(a)	(a)				
Postal matter dealt with(f)								
mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(g)	871	g 1,100	g 1,485
Telegrams and cablegrams	mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8
Telephones—								g 1,483
Instruments . . . . .	'000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301
Lines . . . . .	"	(b)	25	85	196	364	531	927
Calls—Trunk . . . . .	mill.	(b)	(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4
Local . . . . .	"	(b)	(b)	(b)	221	369	664	75.0
Broadcast Listeners' Licences . . . . .	'000							973
<b>PUBLIC FINANCE—</b>								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—		(d)	(d)	(d)				
Revenue . . . . .	£m.		11	21	64	72	210	1,017
Expenditure . . . . .	"		4	15	64	70	210	1,017
Net loan fund expenditure . . . . .	"			1	5	4	213	55
Taxation collections . . . . .	"		9	16	50	54	180	54
State—								895
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue . . . . .	£m.	(b)	28	41	85	100	152	387
Expenditure . . . . .	"	(b)	29	41	87	121	149	390
Net loan expenditure(i)	"	(b)	9	16	34	6	8	198
Taxation collections . . . . .	"	(b)	3	5	18	33	57	161
Public Debt(j)—								
Commonwealth . . . . .	£m.		6	354	319	638	1,869	1,888
State . . . . .	"	a155.1	213	279	519	911	1,306	1,544
Total . . . . .	"	a155.1	213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265
Overseas . . . . .	"	(b)	(b)	194	412	522	516	406
In Australia . . . . .	"	(b)	(b)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859
								3,019

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Regular internal services. (f) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (g) Includes packets. (h) Year 1923-24. (i) Loan expenditure on works, services, &c. (j) At 30th June.

## Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 114.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>PRIVATE FINANCE—</b>								
Commonwealth Note Issue(c) £m.	(a)	(a)	8	54	51	103	303	329
Cheque-paying Banks—	(b)							
Advances(d)	125	94	109	183	261	270	677	597
Deposits(d)	98	91	143	289	319	387	1,189	1,260
Bank clearings	(a)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	11,476
Savings bank deposits(e)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	947
Life Assurance(b)(f)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies	'000		414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553
Sum assured	£m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212
Industrial—								
Policies	'000		236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843
Sum assured	£m.		5	10	30	67	127	270
Total—								
Policies	'000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396
Sum assured	£m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466
<b>SOCIAL STATISTICS—</b>								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen- sions	'000(g)	..	..	90	144	256	336	420
£m.				2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8
Child Endowment	'000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	488	1,205
£m.								1,247
Claims in force	'000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6
£m.								53.2
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(h) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	165.5
War Pensions	'000(g)	..	..	225	274	220	525	544
£m.				7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	34.4
Service Pensions	'000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	14	17
£m.							0.6	1.8
State Social Services(i)—								
Education(b)—								
Government Schools—								
Schools	'000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6
Staff	..	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7
Students	..	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools	'000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Staff	..	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3
Students	..	125	149	161	199	221	257	326
Universities(j)—								
Number	..	4	4	5	6	6	8	9
Staff(k)	..	(a)	(a)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082
Students	'000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7
Public Hospitals—								
Number	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
Staff—Medical	'000	(a)	235	355	404	513	566	675
Nursing	..	(a)	(a)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9
In-patients, cases treated	..	(Im)	54	(m)	91	134	215	371
..							595	896
<b>POLICE AND PRISONS(b)—</b>								
Police	'000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3
Prisons	..	(a)	(a)	104	91	85	70	69
Prisoners	'000	(a)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4
<b>PRICES(b)—</b>								
" C " Series Retail Price Index..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,645
Melbourne Wholesale Price Index	945	974	1,000	1,903	1,429	1,796	5,098	5,647

(a) Not available. (b) Year ended previous December. (c) At end of June. (d) Figures for 1891 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (e) 1891 at 31 December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (j) Excludes Australian National University. (k) Includes part-time. (l) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (m) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia. (n) Not yet available.

